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Revealed: Minister's call to sell arms to Iraq just before war

CHRIS BLACKHURST

A confidential Cabinet document, which goes to the heart of the Arms-to-Iraq affair, reveals that only weeks before the invasion of Kuwait, senior ministers considered lifting the arms embargo on Saddam Hussein's government.

The letter, to the then prime minister, Margaret Thatcher, from Nicholas Ridley, her Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, is part of the mountain of evidence presented to Sir Richard's Scott's arms inquiry. It shows that ministers were embroiled in Cabinet infighting over the policy.

It also reveals how senior ministers were aware of the independent investigation by Customs and Excise officers into breaches of the embargo by British firms - and feared that if it went ahead, it could seriously damage relations with

John Major, then Chancellor, also received a personal copy of the Ridley letter, which was sent to senior Cabinet Ministers less than six weeks before Iraq invaded Kuwait.

News of the existence of the confidential four page docu-ment is certain to increase pressure for the swift publication of the Scott inquiry into Britain's arms trade with Saddam's regime. Sir Richard's latest estimate is that his report will be published in January.

Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, wrote to Mr Major soon after the Scott inquiry was established in late 1992, citing the Ridley memorandum and asking whether Mr Major had lied when he had said earlier that the Government's guidelines had been observed. Mr Major replied that told the British Ambassador it was up to the Scott inquiry to guidelines had "operated as it er countries to follow suit. This



Iraq arms embargo for British industry

should have done and the right decision taken".

The letter discloses that: A rift had developed between the Foreign Office, which wanted to maintain an embargo not just on arms but also on machine tools, which could be adapted for use in the manufacture of arms, and the DTI, which feared that the machine tool ban would wreck British trade relations with Iraq.

■Saddam's son-in-law had just that the UK was interfering with civil trade and encouraging oth-



apparently confirmed Saddam's impression that Britain was applying an embargo going well beyond arms. Mr Ridley feared that Iraq was about to cut all

> business links. ■Iraq had two months earlier suspended payments on £1bn it Britain and was already £140 million in arrears. The DT1 feared it might now ed to ban were widely available default on the entire amount, which, said Mr Ridley, would have serious consequences - not just for the Government's Export Credit Guarantee Department (ECGD) but for public sector borrowing.



Thatcher: Knew about the rift between Foreign Office and Department of Trade

lose out.

Ministers were aware of a that the equipment would be Customs and Excise probe into one British firm which had supplied machine tools to Iraq, Matrix Churchill. Ministers feared that the Customs investigation would worsen relations which

were already strained. Many of the machine tools which the Foreign Office wanton the international market. Britain had even agreed at this point to supply them to Eastern European regimes and the Soviet Union. Mr Ridley feared she said. "If I had seen every

Inside The full text of Ridley's letter, page 2



Scott: Letter was among evidence for his inquiry into breaches of arms rules

copy of every minute when I was sold to Iraq by other countries with a less rigid interpretation

detail, the Ridley letter now sequence, British firms would shows she certainly was privy to the policy disagreement between the Foreign Office and

> It also reveals that copies of the letter were sent to "mem-bers of OD" - the Cabinet Overseas and Defence Committee of which Mr Major was at the time a member in his capacity as Chancellor.

Mr Major told Lord Justice Scott that he had not seen a se-

ries of Cabinet documents disin government, I would have cussing defence sales to Iraq been in a snowstorm." which included references to the Yet if she knew nothing of the

Customs investigation into Matrix Churchill - days before shown the documents because the Department of Trade. he did not attend the meeting to discuss trade with Iraq.

Nevertheless, Mr Major was investigation and referred to it in his letter to Mr Ashdown, A copy of Mr Ridley's letter to Mrs Thatcher was sent to all OD members - including Mr

 on the same day that Customs and Excise investigators inter-Churchill - the British security services were unaware of Iraq's hostile intentions towards

There was, however, considerable public anxiety about the conduct of the Iraqi leader. A ceasefire had been agreed in the Iran-Iraq war two years before, but a year after that, Saddam had outraged the world by gassing his own citizens, in the northern Kurdish region.

Only three months before the letter was written, the Obserner journalist, Farzad Bazoft, whom the Iraqis accused of spying, had been executed. Bazoft's travelling companion, nurse Daphne Parish, was still imprisoned, and British businessman Ian Richter had been in an Iraqi jail for five years all of which had caused considerable public indignation in Britain.

Despite all this, Mr Ridley, who died in March 1993, concluded by calling for the entire policy of maintaining an arms embargo to be reviewed. "I see a strong case for a more thorough review of our policy in this area which would take into account the policy and political arguments in favour of export controls, the commercial consequences for British industry and the financial risks for ECGD of continuing friction in our relations with Iraq," the letter concluded.

Last night Mr Ashdown said: "I have always been concerned Mr Major said he was not about this letter because it goes to the heart of the issue and highlights the extent of Government disarray on the policy. The Prime Minister did not aware of the Matrix Churchill answer my questions at the time and has never answered them. It is vital that Sir Richard Scott produces his report as quickly as possible so that we can finally get to the bottom of this scandal".

> In days gone by, you would have had

to fight to see it.

Railtrack 'holding back £1bn for sell-off'



CHRIS BLACKHURST and DONALD MACINTYRE

More than £1bn that could be spent immediately on improv-ing the condition of Britain's cash-starved railways has been set aside, to boost the balance sheet of Railtrack, the owner of the rail network, as it nears pri-Labour last night called on

the Stock Exchange to investigate the accounts of Railtrack before a prospectus is issued to investors. Brian Wilson, the party's transport spokesman, has written to Michael Lawrence, the Stock Ex-change's chief executive, asking him to ensure a full analysis of Railtrack's accounts before the release of any prospectus to potions at British Rail, said: "My ating profit on turnover of it all to be used now. tential investors is authorised". concern is that Railtrack is not £2.275bn, largely from charging £156m has been deducted to

In November last year, the spending sufficient money to maintain the rail infrastructure Government announced that Railtrack would be privatised in the lifetime of this Parliament. The timetable may be slipping, however, and could be pushed back from the spring, when the company was originally due to be sold. Analysis of Railtrack's accounts reveals four items which when added together produce a total of £1.14ba

financial position. Two independent experts on railway finances bave confirmed the money could be used now to refurbish track, signalling, bridges, tunnels and stations. Professor Bill Bradshaw, of Wolfson College, Oxford and the former director of opera-

which bolsters its long-term

and properties. I am disturbed that money I would expect to be used on renewing track, signals and structures has not been spent but has been squirrelled away in the balance sheet. I am very anxious that all the money is spent and is used to bring the railways up to scratch." Richard Hope, special ad-

viser to the Commons Transport Select Committee, said it was scandalous that money could be invested now and is not". Railtrack inherited British

Rail's track, signalling equipment, stations and trackside buildings in April last year. In its first financial year, up to April it made an £305m oper-

the rail operators for using Britain's track and stations. But included in costs of almost £2bn, deducted from turnover. were four items which could benefit its future owners.

of the embargo and as a con-

Lady Thatcher said in her ev-

idence to the Scott inquiry, that she knew nothing of the de-

tails of how the arms embargo

worked. Only the big things came to her. "Most of the doc-

uments before me [at the in-

quiry] I have never seen. I was

concerned with the big issues,"

In the 1994-95 accounts: E: £450m is set aside for "property maintenance back-log accrual". Yet, of that sum, only £18m is forecast to be spent in

■: £403m of loans are shown as having been repaid in the past financial year. The money could have been used to tackle the refurbishment backlog.

£ £483m is earmarked for a 10year "asset maintenance plan". Of that sum, £333m was spent in 1994-95; leaving £150m for future years - despite the need for

sets and provision for future environmental liabilities.

Mr Wilson accused Railtrack of putting money on one side to guarantee profits after privati-sation. "I believe that this amounts to a systematic attempt to create an artificial level of profitability for Railtrack in the period immediately following privatisation. As far as the taxpayer is concerned, it really is a billion pound sting." However, Richard Aitken-

Davies, Railtrack's director of privatisation, said the £1bn was to do with setting up the balance sheet of the company so it can meet it commitments in the future. In preparing for privatisation we have identified the sort of obligations we are go-

ing the originator, the owner of what is created," Professor Lin-

zey said, and patenting, which

confers intellectual rights,

"usurps the prerogative of God"

when applied to a living animal.

Genetics Forum, warned the

patent could open the way to yet

more intensive factory farming

Malcolm Earnes, of the UK

Just south of the Taj Mahal at Agra, Civalior, greatest of all Hindu fortresses, rises majestically above India's northern plains. Situated at the nation's geographical, historical and metaphorical crossroads, this colossus has been mauled for over a millennium by besieging armies, most notably those of the moghuls, Marathas and British. The short drive to Shivpuri sees a complete change of pace. Surrounded by the leafy Madhav National Park, this old summer capital of exquisite palaces and cool lakes charmed the warriors of the past to lay their weapons aside And so to the peaceful medieval riverside own of Orchha. Three palaces cluster inside its fortress, all rich in romance, yet time (and tourism) seems to have passed them by.

The state of Madhya Pradesh is respleadent with such treasures. Though you no longer have to fight to get there, you'll find it a struggle to tear To. The Covernment of India Tourist Office, 7 Cost Street, Lando

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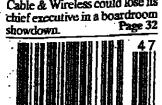
Opposing sides in the Bosnian war were on the brink of a peace deal last night.

The explosion of drug use among young people in Britain is still only in its "expansionary phase" Page 2

Drugs warning

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Boardroom battle Cable & Wireless could lose its



A suicide bomber killed at least 14 people at the Egyptian embassy in Islamabad. Page 12

Schools tables 'fail test' The Government will publish its annual schools league tables tomorrow despite widespread criticism by experts that they are meaningless.

Gascoigne booked The Old Firm derby produced six goals and a booking for Paul Gascoigne as Rangers drew 3-3 with Celtic.

Today's weather Early mist will dear and most areas will be dry with sunshine and light winds. Section Two, Page 21

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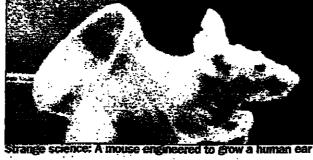
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Geneticists lay claim to 'God's creature'

TOM WILKIE Science Editor

An unprecedented hearing on whether a living animal can be patented, making it an invention created by human ingenuity rather than a natural life form, will open in Munich tomorrow.

Religious and animal welfare groups from across Europe will try to persuade officials of the European Patent Office not to grant a patent to Harvard University. The university's scientists have genetically engineered a laboratory mouse by stitching cancer-causing genes into its DNA so the animal is predisposed to develop tumours and



die of cancer. Harvard wants exclusive rights to profit from its technology by marketing the animals for medical research, and will put its case to officials of the patent office in a hearing Oxford. "Being God means be-

expected to last three days. What the university is doing "is more than playing God," according to the Rev Andrew Linzey, of Mansfield College,

with genetically engineered chickens, cows and sheep. "We regard attempts to patent animals and plants as immoral and contrary to Article 53a of the European Patent Convention prohibiting those whose exploitation would be contrary to morality or public order]." Of mice and men, Section Two

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It will be dry until then frost, with rain in the SO North-east and the South-west on Tuesday. Whatever, here's an eclectic look at what you could possibly do, see, or

GARDEN and risit the Royal -torticultural Society at Vincent Square, London SW1 (0171 828 1744), where nursery workers prove November can be

as full of delight as June.

at the NEC in Raymond Blanc and Gary Rhodes, wine and cheese tastings and foodie demonstrations.

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left home when she was a

for dogs, Burtierry's (0171 930)

check people, having Introduced sleeping bags for the BABY Two little annholes and a zip up the front - £42.50.

WATCH ... and retch as Mortimer's A Nose Through ure on Sunday (BBC1 history of smell. It works in conjunction with a Children In Need Smellovision book

back for under £1. The travel agency folia: Places, which has 300 Cherbourg for 99p, for trible between now and the enti-

They can't work it out

The linsh go to the polls on Finday for their referendum on divorce, which has been banned since the 1930s. Not new. Pre-Christian Brehon Laws allowed women to dump unsatisfactory hubbies, paying them alimony in cattle. Catholic clergy, using more stick than carrot, are warning that divorced people who remarry won't receive sacraments. Their threats might just push voters into the reform camp.

They can hype it up You'll be sick of the hype by now but that won't stop you buying The Beatles Anthology (Parlophone CD: £19.99, Tape;£12.99) a collection of out-takes and rarities which includes Free As A Blird, mag-



the music of McCartney. Harrison and Starr. The mualbum, of the

They can talk it up Who has shone in the Commons this past year? However poor the choice, someone has to be honoured at the Spectator's Parliamentarian of the Year bash at the Savoy, Could it be Alan Howarth, whose defection from Tory to Labour means he is the only member to have spoken from both sides of the House? Or maybe John Redwood, who gave up a Cabinet seat for the backbenches in order to challenge for the Tory leadership.

Last week's winner

TODAY

Orange alert

MPs alarmed that it took police officers almost half an hour to reach College Green. Westminster, after the Tory party chairman, Bnan Mawhinney, was spattered with orange paint last week, will have an opportunity to take it out on Sir Paul Condon, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, when he appears before the Commons Public Accounts Committee. The subject? Responding to Emergencies.

Dancing cheers Rudolf Nureyev's coswhich he wore for the role of Prince Flori-

mond in The Sleeping Beauty, is to be auctioned at Christie's, which is selling the contents of 23, Quai Voltaire, his principal Parisian home. It could be £5,000 and £8,000 (Christie's, 8 King Street, London SW1, 0171 839 9060).

Deadly legacy

Chemobyl 10 years on ... the World Health Organisation (WHO) is to host a four-day conference in Geneva, Switzerland, on the consequences of the nuclear catastrophe. Dr John Harrisson, of the National Radiological Protection Board, says that it is too early to tell what the long-term effects will be, and that more money and support needs to be given to hospitals and field research, especially in the area of thyroid diseases.

TOMORROW



Top Grade

Michael Grade presents the 1995 Royal Television Society Design Awards. Nominations include Rory Bremner, Bramwell, Cardiac Arrest and the BBC2 channel idents. Martin Chuz*dewit* is nominated for two awards, Production Design and Make up - particularly those amazing hair fashions inspired by the original Fiz drawings.

Cup runs

Ah, the romance of the Cup. Ali eyes - those with a tendency to mist anyway - will be turned towards the likes of Famborough, Wigan, Woking, Altrincham and Ashford tonight and tomorrow as non-league football clubs whose greatest ambition is to be labelled minnows try to get through their FA Cup first round replays. Reserve your biggest cheers for Canvey Island at Brighton.

Speaking out

On the eve of his captivating adaptation of The Wind in the Willows (Old Vic. London, from Sat), Living National Treasure, Alan Bennet, reads from his witty bestseller Writing Home which deserved to sell by the lonyload and continues to do so. (Olivier, National Theatre, 6pm, 0171 928 2252). **WEDNESDAY** 22

Going for a bird song Paintings by Charles Tunnicliffe, who painted Christmas cards and magazine covers for the RSPB, are to be auctioned by Sotheby's. (2pm. Contact: 0171 493 8080). £150,000 could be raised. Julian Pettifer, RSPB president, said: "Tunnicliffe would have approved."

Al's honorarium

Harrods boss Mohammed al-Fayed and his wife become honorary members of Emmanuel College, Cambridge. Some can literally "buy" themselves a membership. The college wouldn't share the secret of the Fayeds' advancement. There is a room in the college's Queen's building called The Harrods Room.

An eye on Bond

Bond is back with Goldeneye. Will the Bond Bimbo survive?. An Ursula Andress clone undulating in a skimpy bikini may never be seen again, thanks to the transformation of stars Famke Janssen and Izabelia Scorupco from sex slaves to elegant 90s



THURSDAY 23

girl. Hence the many

passionate liaisons.

Trash bash

Last year he tried to steal the show by turning up in a mini-skirt and PVC stiletto heels. Jean-Paul Gaultier, presenter of C4's Eurotrash, is hosting the MTV Europe Music Awards. Nominees include Björk, Madorina, Michael Jackson, Lenny Kravitz, Neil Young, Bon Jovi, the Rolling Stones, Dog Eat Dog .. almost everyone, actually. If your favourite isn't among that lot, they are bound to be among the

Take one Christie's is holding an auction of hardware to commemorate 100 rears of cinema. Star turn is le lapipeoscope, a 35mm watnut-body projection mechanism with handcrank, brass too-plate. Made in France, it is "a zoetropic camera applicable also for optical projection". It could go for £2,500. (Christie's, Old Brompton Road, London. 2pm. 0171 581 7611).

presenters. Don't worry, Kylie will

Yes, her again Britain's most successful PR per son takes a jaunt to the land of Fray Bentos and the Falklands. New panoramas for her to view, New PR strints to oull.

FRIDAY 24

Psycho soccer The Scottish branch of the British Psychological Society begins its annual conference in Crieff, Perthshire. The theme: Addiction - Sick individuals or a sick society? The speakers will cover all aspects of dependency, such as student cheating, slot machines, alcoholism and drug use. Other fixtures: Footlers in Scottand - does psychological stress make them sick? Something for Gazza here?

Cliff tops

Birmingham is, of course, a thoroughly worthy place, but a more unlikely setting for a round of the World Climbing Cup it is hard to magine. Still, for three days - the finals are on Sunday - some 160 climbers from 20 countries will be scampering up and down artificial cliffs in the National Indoor Arena.

Try Freedom

Last year M People's album Elegant Slumming won the Mercury Music Prize, pipping flavours-of-the-year Blur to the post. Blur's upcoming Arena tour, which starts today, is sold out. M People's isn't. So what? There can't be many other British bands who are so effectively putting Madonna's mantra - Only When I'm Dancing Can i Feel This Free - Into glorious prac-



THE WEEKEND 25 / 26

from WH Smith and Tesco.

Whodrunkit? Agatha Christie's The Mousetrap is 44 years old. 66,000 💂 gallions of soft drinks have washed 306 tons of ice cream down 11million throats as they have watched 274 actors and 123 understudies exam the evidence. Dapper actors at that. Wardrobe assistants have ironed over 80 miles of shirts to earn their cut of £26m box-office takings.

Buy your food on the Internet with the Food and Drink Index. It aims to provide info on everything from livestock prices to chocolate cake at Sainsbury's. Phone: 0345 220000.

Better safe ...

The Big Snog is a one-off show on the eve of Aids Awareness Week. Steve Coogan, Eddie Izzard and Suggs are among those taking part. A highlight of the evening will be a safer-sex quiz, unambiguously entitled A Question of Spurt. Tickets: Astoria, 0171 434 0403. Screened Channel 4, Saturday, 10.45).

Vigil protest

Thousands of women will be demonstrating and holding vigils as part of World Protest Against Violence Towards Women Day, which has been held annually since 1981 to commemorate the murder of the Mirabal sisters, who were active in opposition to the Dominican dictator, Trujillo. Womankind Worldwide: 0181 563

The Independent this week: PIERCE BROSNAN: Is he man enough to be Bond? MICHAEL ANTONIONI: In town and talking about film PLUS: Garth Brooks,

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Burden of weapons export rules Drug-taking on weighed heavily on Government

Nicholas Ridley wrote to Margaret Thatcher on 21 June 1990,

worried that operating the UN arms embargo against Iraq and

Mr and Mrs John Barlow who, after six years of torment at the hands of neighbours who bombarded them with rotten fruit, chicken carcasses and insults, won a court case to have them bound over.

I am concerned about ine course of our rela tions with Iraq. On the one hand we need to minimise our involvement in the Iraqi military procurement programme. But we also need to bear in mind the implication of export controls on our experts to Iraq and on ECGD's large exposure to that market.

The immediate issue is the prospect of further Customs and Excise investigations which could strengthen Iraqi accusations that we are interfering with civil trade.

Customs and Excise have received information [from the West German Customs] suggesting that Matrix Churchill (part Iraqi-owned) exported machine tools to Chile which were onsold to Iraq and used for munitions manufacture, and that they and other companies exported machine tools to Iraq direct for that purpose, despite furnishing statements that the equipment was required for general industrial purposes.

I understand that Customs are today making an ostensibly routine visit to that company and will report on what, if anything, they uncover. But any action following that visit is likely

to worsen relations with Iraq. Relations are of course already strained. Following our action to intercept shipments of parts of the big gun and the nuclear triggers, the Iraqi Ministry of Industry and Military Man-

tial note, also sent to other senior ministers and reprinted here. he expressed concern about the effect on Government finances around 60 per cent of Iraqi

industrial procurement, announced that trade with the UK was under review. The Machine Tool Trades Association and other UK exporters have made representations to DTI that the Iraqi review amounts to an embargo on new business with the UK which will have serious consequences for some.

I wrote to the Iraqi minister to assure him of our wish for normal commercial relations with Iraq and that while our policy on supply of defence equipment remains in force, we have no intention of interfering with normal civil trade.

Our Ambassador delivered my letter at a call on the Iraqi minister last week. The Iraqi minister's response was not reassuring. He insisted that the UK was interfering with civil trade and encouraging other countries to do likewise. The minister is the President's sonin-law and a member of the in-

and a deterioration in already poor relations with Iraq. Report by Chris Blackhurst and Paul Vallely I can see no prospect of any improvement in the position while investigations into possible breaches of export controls continue. On the contrary, I see a considerable risk of further de-

as we do on trade with Iraq.

A Customs and Excise investigation involving Matrix Churchill is likely to be reported to Baghdad and to confirm. the regime's impression that we are applying an embargo going terioration from which only well beyond defence supplies. This could provoke further our competitors can benefit since we have no evidence that they take as restrictive a view also perhaps a general default on repayments of credit.

Timetable of events

December 1984 - The Government draws up guidelines restricting arms exports to Iraq. Angust 1988 - Iran and Iraq declare a ceasefire. December 1988 - The Government secretly relaxes export

March 1990 - Farzad Bazoft, an Observer journalist, is executed in Iraq. April 1990 - Customs seizes pipes destined for "supergun".

June 1990 - Matrix Churchill visited by Customs; Nicholas Ridley proposes the relaxing embargo. July 1990 - Ministers discuss Mr Ridley's proposal August 1990 - Iraq invades Kuwait. February 1991 - Matrix Churchill executives arrested. November 1992 - Matrix Churchill trial collapses, Scott inquiry launched.

Iran was endangering British exports. In the four-page confiden-

ECGD's exposure in Iraq is £1ba ... ECGD have meanwhile suspended the approval of new contracts under existing lines of credit until the Iraqis reduce their ECGD guaranteed arrears, which currently stand at £140 million. While Iraq has hitherto treated the UK as a preferred creditor, the present high level of arrears reflects the cessation of payments during the last two months or so which was evidently linked with the

current political coolness. The Iraqis have promised to remit £30m over the next few days, which may be a sign that, barring future upsets, commercial relations are gradually improving. We must hope so. Consequences of a systematic Iraqi default would clearly be extremely serious for ECGD and would have implications for

More generally, certain ap-plications for a renewal of licences for export of machine tools to Iraq are outstanding. I

to renewal of the licences on the grounds that the goods might be used for munitions manufacture, notwithstanding that the companies concerned have valid contracts and that comparable equipment is widely available internationally. The intention to apply a unilateral embargo to such ex-

ports to Iraq (and to Libya, Syria and Iran), is arguably consistent with the guidelines agreed in 1985, but may be difficult to justify to industry given the immi-nent removal of controls, agreed with COCOM partners. on exports of such goods to Eastern Europe and the USSR. I see a strong case for a more thorough review of our policy

in this area which would take into account the policy and po-litical arguments: in favour of export controls; the commercial consequences for British industry and the financial risks for ECGD of continuing friction in our relations with Iraq. We need to reconsider the rationale of the guidelines for defence sales to Iraq (and Iran) in the light of evidence of moves on each side towards peace negotiations and in the light of

impending liberalisation of ex-

port controls agreed with CO-

COM partners, and the trading practices of our competitors. I would welcome your agreement to an urgent meeting to consider these issues.

the increase, charity warns

understand that the Foreign DANNY PENMAN

Drug-taking among young people in Britain is still only in its expansionary phase" and is likely to become more common in the future, according to a substance abuse charity which re-

leased a survey yesterday. Turning Point, a drink, drugs and mental health charity, found in a survey of substance abusers using its services that over two-thirds of its clients are under 30 years old. The data, collected over one year from a cross-section of its 27,000 clients, also revealed that 37 per cent of drug-takers were between 18 and 24 and a tenth

were under 18. A spokesman for Turning Point said that drug-taking has become the norm for many young people. They regard these things as fun and they do not see anything wrong with it and they know nothing of the health hazards involved."

Steroid use is one of the main growth areas of drug taking among the young. These drugs, which in the past were used mainly by body builders to gain weight and strength, are increasingly used for the same purposes by clubbers but they can cause heart, lung and liver problems. Many steroid-users are unaware of the health problems associated with their use.

Cannabis is also common among the young, with many starting to smoke or eat the drug

in their early teens. LSD and ec-

stasy are also common. Turning drugs can be summed up as more and earlier and gives

grave cause for concern". Of those questioned in the survey, 32 per cent cited hero-in abuse as the main reason for seeking help from the charity, but the figure was 40 per cent for younger people. Nearly 16 per cent took amphetamines, 11 per cent smoked cannabis and

nearly 6 per cent took steroids. Earlier in the year, the Institute for the Study of Drug Dependency found that three-quarters of schoolchildren had been offered drugs and nearly 40 per cent had expenmented before they were 20.

Turning Point says: "For about one-third of people tak-" ing drugs is just a phase, for another third it's just dabbling from time to time, but for another third of people it's a big problem. They can't get their lives back into order and they can become permanently damaged." ■ Detectives investigating the death of the Essex teenager Leah Betts have arrested four people and seized 900 tablets. They raided a cafe in Brentwood on Saturday night after a tip-off resulting from appeals for information about drug suppli-ers. Leah died last week after taking an costasy tablet at her 18th birthday party. Police said, however, that the arrests were not directly linked and they were still hunting the person who sold Leah the eestasy that killed her.

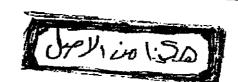


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The Princess of Walcs and the BBC could be heading for an embarrassing legal wrangle over the earnings from tonight's royal television interview.

BBC sources insisted yesterday that the Princess and the corporation had not agreed a deal over the worldwide rights to the interview which is likely to generate upwards of £2m. It is understood that the Princess expects a high pro-portion - thought to be as

much as 75 per cent - of earn-

ings from the interview to go to charities of her choice. In addition to earnings from a BBC video of the interview. which could be a best seller if it hits retail shelves before Christmas, there are also high earnings likely to accrue from international syndication rights sold to other television sta-

tions around the world. One copyright barrister told the Independent last night: "If all of this was not legally fixed before the interview took place, then both parties are looking at

Last year the Prince of Wales's interview with Jonathan Dimbleby included a deal that saw a large slice of its earnings going to the Prince's favourite charities. Diana, according to close friends, clearly expects the same business deal.

As Sunday's newspapers provided Panoruma with saturation year. publicity and speculation over impact, the BBC spent the

the precise content of the 60minute interview with reporter

A BBC source also revealed that during the production and editing of the interview, the edit suites used by the programme makers had been debugged in a bid to prevent leaks of the

Princess's comments. The debugging was carried out at the BBC's White City studios in west London at the end of last week, as news of Diana's first solo public interview generated international interest in its possible content. The anticipated audience worldwide for the interview is now put at 200

Despite the insistence of Tony Hall, the BBC's head of news and current affairs, that only eight people have seen the interview - five senior execu-tives, including the director general John Birt, and three of the Panorama team - leaks of what Prince Charles' estranged wife has said on camera, and even off-camera, were splashed across every national newspa-

The Princess is reported to have said, during the interview which was recorded on Gry Fawkes' night, that she does not want a divorce, is not seeking to destroy the Royal Family, and is not angry about the Prince's admission of adultery with Camilla Parker Bowles, revealed in the television interview with Jonathan Dimbleby last

She is said to have denied she is seeking to destroy the monar-chy. "Why should I wish to devorce. "No. There are two chil-dren involved here." On the break up of her marriage she is reported to have said almost casually: "It's sad when a marriage breaks up, but there it is. These

things happen."

If leaks of the interview are accurate she will tell Mr Bushir, "I don't want pity. I have more dignity than that, I'm strong, here to serve, and happy to do

The comments are a clear signal that the Princess does not intend to step back from the forefront of public life as the wife of the heir to the throne nor lose the prestige and power which goes with it. There is also the underlying message that she will now set her own royal agenda.

The existence of the programme was kept from Marmaduke Hussey, the chairman of the governors of the BBC. It is thought this was a deliberate move both to prevent Mr Hussey stopping its transmission - his wife is lady-in-waiting to the Queen - and to ensure that he could not be blamed by the Palace for the breach of proto-

Also, in a thinly-veiled rebuke, Lord Wakeham, the chairman of the Press Complaints Commission, wrote yesterday: "Privacy can be compromised if we voluntarily bring our private life into the public domain.

"Those who do that may place themselves beyond the PCC's protection and must bear the consequences of their



court public sympathy in tonight's programme may be a direct consequence of this action. On a four-day visit to Germany last week while celebrating his 47th birthday he was said to be "spitting to the most of t the secret deal with Panorama: step forward Angela or "Dame A" as she is apparently called in Diana's circle of irrends. She shares a common passion - dance - with the princess. Gave her

Bruton makes divorce vote plea

ALAN MURDOCH

The Irish Prime Minister, John Bruton, yesterday issued a strong appeal for a "yes" vote in this week's referendum on divorce. He said he "trusted" the Irish people to move in favour of change to allow divorce, and described Friday's vote as "more important than the next three general elec-

But with an 11th-hour set-back in the Supreme Court barring it from spending more public funds promoting a "yes" vote, the Irish government faces an uphill battle to defend its slender lead.

A weekend government poll showed that another three per cent swing would eliminate the remaining pro-divorce majority. Ominously for the govern-ment, this is the same percentage to have shifted towards the "no" camp each week since September.

Friday's Supreme Court judgement ruled that the coalition government's use of taxpayers' money interfered in the democratic process and was in breach of the constitution.

The challenge was brought by Green Party MEP Patricia McKenna who, ironically, was only married herself last month and backs the introduction of divorce.

The ruling threw a massive spanner in the government propaganda effort, just as it was poised to deliver pro-divorce literature to every household in the state. While some leaflets were sent out before Friday, law reform minister Mervyn Taylor admitted many voters would not now receive them. Outlay on press advertisements and posters has also been affected.

In contrast, well-funded government opponents have swamped the country, leasing major billboard sites and delivering a stream of leaflets to homes. With blunt slogans such as "Hello Divorce... Goodbye Daddy" they have aimed to represent divorce as a threat to the survival of the family unit.

On Saturday, a Dublin rally drew 5,000 ardent and committed anti-divorce campaigners. Some carried candles and knelt in the street. A pro-divorce rally addressed by government leaders yesterday attracted a much smaller turnout.

Admitting the result would be very close. Mr Bruton said the vote would be more important elections. "We as a people have a responsibility to show respect for the minority in our own midst. I believe marriage is for life, but I don't believe I need to see the law used to impose my beliefs on others."

Bush telegraph alive with rumour and speculation

tacks" at the news of his wife's turn at

At 9.40pm today the Princess of role and her relationship with Wales will, according to the "leaks" of the Panorama interview in yesterday's newspapers, effectively declare open her own rival royal court, writes paper's new editor, Dominic James Cusick

Despite the fact that they have been unable to get their hands on the hottest video since JR got shot in Dallas, the royrefused to admit defeat

"I don't want pity. I have more dignity than that. I'm strong, here to serve, and happy to do it." According to the most authoritative of all the "leaks", the Sunday Telegraph believes this is the princess using the 60-minute interview "to set out how she sees her future

the British people". The Sunday Telegraph's ac-

Lawson: Mr Lawson is married to Rosa Monckton, one of the princess's close friends. The princess is godmother to the couple's youngest child.

If the quotes from the S day Telegraph are less than accurate, it may indicate there has been no slip in the security the BBC have thrown round the Diana tape. Instead speculation yesterday pointed to a spot of teasing by the Princess of Wales recalling her version of the conversation with BBC journalist, Martin Bashir.

over the decision to keep the Diana interview a secret appears to set the seal on the division between Buckingham Palace and her danighter-in-law housed in Kensington Palace. If Diana ever accepted royal orders, those days have ended.
The Sunday Telegraph states

(and others have copied) that na has no wish to destroy the royal family. "Why should I wish to destroy my children's future." She adds: "No, there

Despite directness there is also diplomacy. Diana appar-'understands' the Prince of Wales's decision to reveal his extra-marital affair [to Camilla Parker Bowles] in an

attributes no blame, and acknowledges their marriage has ended. "It's sad ... these things

happen."
Speculating on her future
role, and clearly not one that the Queen herself has ordained, the princess says quite simply her role will be "supporting the country around the world".

she might make a new life abroad, she says: "I'm not going to let the country down, I'm not going to run away." And she adds that she will never leave Britain because her children's

"future is here". Such bold statements are a and retiring reluctant royal who

The Queen's alleged fury earlier televised interview. She not so long ago begged the press ver the decision to keen the attributes no blame, and acto leave her alone in what was then analysed as a self-enforced retirement. The idea of retirement not looks absurd.

The Sunday Times, lacking the inside access of the Sunday Telegraph, instead offers a front page spin of the story. The BBC chairman, Marmaduke Hussey is, says the paper, miffed that his Dianarama programme, as it is now being nicknamed, secret from him until it was too late for

official intervention "Hussey was considering a rebuke to the BBC's director-general. John Birt," said the paper. Inside, in a two page "focus". far cry from the image of a shy the Sunday Times claims to offer an "investigation into how

the Princess of Wales trumped The Sunday Mirror, lifting the

same Telegraph quotes as the rest of Fleet Street, nevertheless proudly proclaims its own "Diana TV sensation". "Spies are bugging me" shouts the splash headline. The Mirror says the princess is to "blast MI5 over role in dirty

tricks" and that she is convinced the security services and Establishment elements have leaked details of her private life to undermine her popularity.

The Sunday Mirror also claims that the behind-thescenes go-between who helped and guided Diana through the decision to reveal all on television was Angela Serota, the

estranged wife of Tate gallery director, Nicholas Serota.

emotional support during the split

The News of the World, not to be outdone by the upmarket Telegraph, went downmarket for their own royal "exclusive". "Diana found Ćamilla's knickers in Charles' pocket." Penny Thornton, allegedly Diana's personal astrologer, says the princess revealed her inner-

The People says that BBC chiefs were so shocked by camera that "cuts to tone down the programme" were ordered. Having missed out on a sneak preview of the elusive tape to be broadcast, the *People* reveals the "real version the world will

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High-flyer: Simon Crane, a stuntman, doubles for Pierce Brosnan, who plays James Bond, in a scene from Goldeneye, the latest Bond movie, which opens in Britain on Wednesday

Research damns school league tables as 'meaningless' exercise

Education Correspondent

The Government will publish its annual school league tables tomorrow, amid criticism from experts who have dismissed them as meaningless.

A report to be published shortly in a Royal Statistical Society journal will argue that the figures are flawed. Its authors say the vast majority of schools do not have enough pupils tak-ing GCSEs and A-levels to provide a reliable statistical base.

Harvey Goldstein, of London University's Institute of Education, who led the study and presented it to the society last week, found that in one local authority, the margins of error were so wide that the schools could have been ranked in al-

His findings will add weight to the view of almost the entire educational world, that social factors play a much larger role in examination performance

than schools. Professor Goldstem does say, however, that the schools at the very top of the list are better than those at the very

But most parents who are looking a school will examine the tables before choosing on the basis of other factors, most commonly the child's opinion.

Three quarters of failing schools are making progress towards re-covery, Gillian Shephard will an-

nounce today, writes Fran

ucation will tell leading educa-

tionalists from 20 countries that

of the first 35 schools found to

be failing under England's new-

ly privatised inspection service 26

have made significant progress.

school to be taken off the "fail-

Naming the first secondary

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once again, girls' schools are achieving higher results than boys' schools and that the gap between the lowest and highestachieving pupils is continuing to

Another study published today will show that the league tables have forced local authorities to work on improving

ing" list - Northicote, Wolver-hampton - she will say the sys-

tem is working well. Crook Primary School, in County

Durham, and Brookside Special

School, near Derby, have already

been given a clean bill of health.

the countries of the Organisa-

tion for Economic Co-operation

and Development, Mrs Shep-

hard says the reform of school

inspection has made Britain a

Speaking to delegates from

the expense of essential litera- of secondary schools, and that they concentrate largely on cy projects in primary schools. The research, carried out for GCSE and A-level scores. the Association of London The association gathered in-

Government, also claims that

12 it is good.

"The inspection system is

giving schools the information

they need to raise their stan-

dards," she will tell delegates.

London's schools have im-London authorities about the proved their exam results by a work they were doing to raise third since 1990. standards in their schools. The most popular type of scheme was aimed at inter-

preting exam results, usually in order to analyse an area's Shephard defends inspection system league table scores. The second and third most common were aimed at raising GCSE and A-

level performance. practice. Publishing a paper on improving failing schools, Mrs Shephard says all the 35 failing Schemes to improve literacy among primary school pupils came 13th in order of popular-ity. Other widely used measures included studies of parental perschools revisited by inspectors from the Office for Standards in Education bave made ceptions of a school's strengths progress. However, in nine casor weaknesses and programmes es progress is limited, while in to combat truancy - also mea-11 cases it is reasonable and in sured in the league tables.

formation from two out of three

The report suggests that local authorities should place more emphasis on raising standards in primary schools, as well as helping schools to set targets for their future performance.

A second study in the same report analyses GCSE scores in terms of how many pupils instead of looking at percentages of A-C grades, as most analysts do. It shows that when the performances of less able pupils are taken into account. London's schools can be shown to have improved steadily.

The tables, which will be published in a special supple-ment in the *Independent*, include GCSE and A-Level scores.

'Flying Bishop' changes tack on women clergy

ANDREW BROWN Religious Affairs Correspondent

One of the "flying bishops" appointed by the Church of England to minister to the opponents of women priests said vesterday that he believed the decision to ordain women could be reversed.

Speaking on Special Assign-ment on BBC Radio 5, Bishop Edwin Barnes, the Bishop of Richborough, said: "Women are not capable of being priests. "As I go around I find groups

of clergy and laity who are going to try and persuade the Church of England that what it did when it ordained women was precipitate and probably

wrong. Fr John Broadhurst, the chairman of Forward in Faith, which organises all the opponents of women priests within the Church of England, compared Bishop Barnes to General de Gaulle. "This is a declaration of war," he said. "France surrendered to Germany in 1940, but de Gaulle said he would not

Asked whether it was not a little excessive to compare women priests to the forces of Nazi Germany, Fr Broadhurst renlied:"I feel I am living in oc-

cupied territory." In the three years since the Church of England's General Synod decided by a two-thirds majority to ordain women,

around 250 opponents have

have been ordained priest.

According to Forward in Faith, 825 parishes have signed legal declarations banning women; the legislation which allows women to become priests explicitly prohibits them from becoming bishops, and no woman has yet been given any

really senior post. Fr Geoffrey Kirk, another leader of Forward in Faith, greeted Bishop Barnes's remarks with incredulity: "He can't really mean that he thinks it's reversible, can he? What the Bishop has sensed is that there are a number of bishops who voted in favour who now wish they hadn't. But I don't see that what he says is true, or possible, in a church which takes sacraments seriously.'

Nevertheless, Fr Broadhurst was confident that the bishop's cause would eventually be successful: "If the bishop was looking for a reversal in his own lifetime, I think he is manifestly wrong; but, given that the ordination of women is wrong, will eventually reverse it, or it will die out.

But Christina Rees, one of the Synod's members of the Movement for the ordination of Women, said: "It's all absolutely ridiculous. The Synod voted in favour by a large majority, and I find it extraordinary that someone could deny it was led

IN BRIEF

UK fights to tighten car ferry safety

Radical proposals to increase the safety of the world's roll-on roll-off ferries to avert disasters like the Estonia and the Herald of Free Enterprise are being resisted by France and several other European nations.

The plans will be put today to a committee of the UN's International Maritime Organisation in London and a final decision is expected next week These would involve either the introduction of transverse bulkheads, dividing car decks or fitting outside buoyancy tanks

If the plans fall transport ministers have said Britain will go ahead to enforce the changes to ferries using UK ports.

Naomi: man charged Edwin Hopkins, 19, from Ansley Common. Warwickshire. was charged with the murder of schoolgirl Naomi Smith. stabbed to death 200 yards from her home in the village in September. A 45-year-old man and a woman of 42 also questioned were released on bail.

Car crime alert

Car crime in Britain is twice as bad as anywhere else in Europe, new figures show. One car is stolen every 59 seconds in Eng-land and Wales, and 23 cars are stolen for every thousand cars on the road, according to statistics from the insurance com-pany Eagle Star. France is the second worst car crime country with Austria the safest.

Robberies: two held

A 26-year-old man and a 35year-old woman arrested on Friday in Small Heath, Birmingham, will appear in court today charged with robbery, assault and false imprisonment following a string of attacks on pensioners in their homes.

Stress at work

Companies were urged to tackle stress among senior staff after a report by the Institute of Management found record levels of stress. A poll of 1,300 managers in private and public firms revealed long working hours and "extreme anxiety over job security.

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Vauxhall workers set to vote for action

BARRIE CLEMENT Labour Editor

More than 10,000 employees at Vauxhall are thought to have voted decisively for industrial action in a ballot result due to be revealed today. Manual workers at the com-

pany's Ellesmere Port and Luton plants have been offered a 7 per cent wage increase over two years, compared with a minimum of 9.25 per cent at Ford. Tony Woodley, national sec-

retary for the motor industry at he Transport and General Workers' Union, said his members were aware that Vauxhall was the most consistently profitable car company in Britain. They feel strongly that the time has come for their company to pay up for the productivity and profitability.

The ballot result comes in the wake of a series of wildcat strikes at Ford by workers protesting over their offer which involves improvements in pension ben-efits, but fails to address their claim for a reduction in the working week from 39 to 37 hours.

Union leaders at Vauxhall are expected to call for fresh talks with management and will insist on new proposals which at least match those on offer at Ford. Mr Woodley said Vauxhall workers were also conscious that elsewhere in the motor industry in Britain - apart from Ford - the working week was less than Vauxhail's 39 hours.

Ford workers are being consulted about the proposed deal prior to a meeting of union del-egates from all of the company's plants on Wednesday, vhich will plan further action.

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Brown seeks to undercut Tories in tax battle

JOHN RENTOUL Political Correspondent

The political battle over tax cuts in next week's Budget began in earnest vesterday, as Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, defended his "long-term ob-jective" of a 10p-in-lhe-pound

starting rate for income tax. Mr Brown gave the strongest hint yet that Labour MPs would not vote against a cut in the 25p standard rate. It would do nothing to improve incentives to help people "from welfare into work", he said on BBC TV, but added: "We have got to look at these things over the piece. and millions of lower and middle income people have suffered a huge tax rise in recent years."

Brian Mawhinney, the Conservative Party chairman, refused to concede tax-cutting ground to Labour. "No-one in the country believes that they're capable of restraining their spending instincts so as to afford tax cuts," he said.

Kenneth Clarke, the Chan-cellor, is widely assumed to have scope for tax cuts of about £5bn after a hard-fought agreement on next year's spending totals. He is under pressure from Tory MPs to move towards the Tories' long-term aim of a 20p standard rate. At present, only the first £3,200 of annual income is taxed at the lower rate of 20p in the pound.

Mr Brown linked his plan to cut this starting rate of income tax - which would only come "from the fruits of growth" and

Stress at up

to increase the incentive for the unemployed to work. Changes "Budget for Education" toto Family Credit and Housing Benefit would ensure that people claiming in-work benefits would keep all their tax cuts and not have them clawed back in

lost benefits. Today, Mr Brown hints that Labour would raise taxes for higher-income families. Writing the Independent, he says: "All lower and middle-income families would receive the full benefit from the [Labour] tax cut," implying that those on

higher incomes would not. The Liberal Democrats yesterday called for tax thresholds to be raised instead - taking some people out of paying income tax altogether.
Paddy Ashdown, the Liber-

al Democrat leader, who



Gordon Brown: Wants to

morrow, accused Labour of planning to abstain in a Commons vote "on a Budget that is irresponsible and gambles with the nation's future".

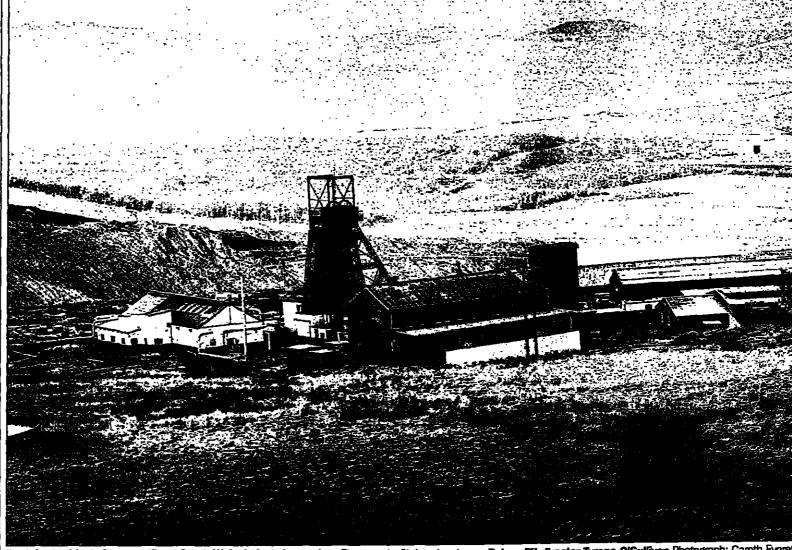
Andrew Dilnot, director of the independent Institute for Fiscal Studies, backed the Liberal Democrat approach and criticised Labour's plan as "a gimmick". But Mr Brown pointed out that raising thresholds was worth more to the betteroff because it reduced the amount of income taxed at the 40p top rate, while a cut in the lower rate was worth the same to all but the lowest-paid.

Meanwhile, an NOP opinion poll in the Sunday Times found 41 per cent trusted Labour to take the right decisions about taxes, well ahead of the Tories on 29 per cent. The poll also found that 70 per cent supported an increase in the top rate of tax from 40p to 50p in the pound for people carning more than £50,000 a year. But the anxiety in the Labour

Party over Mr Brown's taxcutting stance was underlined by John Wells, a former economic adviser to Margaret Beckett n Labour's Treasury team. He announced yesterday that he had left the Labour Party: There is no way they are going to have a fairer tax system and basically I doubt whether the performance of the economy will be any stronger than un-der the Tories," he told the BBC's On The Record.

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Industrial revolution: 'Hit-list' colliery on course for £2m profit after takeover



Back in the black: Tower colliery, South Wales's last deep mine Photograph: Christopher Jones Below: Pit director Tyrone O'Sullivan Photograph: Gareth Everett



Miners strike rich seam of success at buy-out pit

MICHAEL PRESTAGE

After nearly a year running the last deep coal pit in South Wales, the miners at Tower colliery have confounded the sceptics and their former British Coal employers by generating substantial profits and a full

The miners battled against closure, arguing that the pit was potentially profitable and there was demand for the high-quality anthracite that the mine at Aberdare, Mid-Glamorgan, produces. Their belief that faclors other than profitability were the issue in the mine's closure appears vindicated.

Full details of the first-year profits will not be revealed until next month, but analysts are predicting a figure in excess of s earmarked for investment, but the 239 miners and support staff who put up £8,000 each to fund the workers' buy-out could each receive a £1,000-plus dividend.

Tower had envisaged producing 390,000 tonnes of coal this year. But such has been the success in exploiting new markets that the figure has had to be revised up to 450,000.

The future also looks secure with a full order book for next year, and 60 per cent of the coal output for the following three years already contracted. The It was not needed. There were colliery has a turnover of more than £20m a year.

Tyrone O'Sullivan, the former NUM lodge secretary at Tower, and now the personnel manager and a director of the company, has been a driving force behind the success of the workers' buy-out. The pit has

also recruited key professional staff, including a number of the former management team from NO4 Surface

the days when it was owned by British Coal. Mr O'Sullivan said: "We haven't tried to turn miners into financial directors. We have gone out and got top people for the senior management jobs. We all knew this pit had huge potential and when we had a meeting and the boys were giv-

en a chance to go for a buy-out they were all behind it. Their confidence and hard work has been vindicated." He said when the workers first took control the banks did not believe coal could be produced immediately and they

wanted to lend money to tide

Tower over the first few months.

2,000 tonnes of coal on the first day and 8,000 in the first week. Pay and conditions are unri-

valled anywhere in Britain. A surface worker is on a basic weekly wage £70 higher than any other pit, and no man goes underground for less than £303.

Miners at Tower had a rep-utation for militancy but Mr O'Sullivan believes this was due to British Coal's management approach. He cites as an example sick pay. Miners got only 80 per cent of their wages when sick because British Coal claimed absenteeism would soar if they were given full money. That policy has been changed and the absence rate this year has been 0.03 per cent.

Mr O'Sullivan said: "There is a great spirit here. Everybody well. They have a stake in its future and are in charge of their own destiny.

The local community is also benefiting. Wherever possible, work that has to be contracted out goes within the Cynon Valley, and £18,000 has been given in sponsorship to local organisations.

Mining at the Tower site began in 1864, and a visitors' centre is being created to celebrate its history. The miners' efforts have now ensured the future.

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Dewar denies clash over Labour 'workfare' plan

JOHN RENTOUL

The Labour leadership attempted to close ranks yesterday behind Gordon Brown's "workfare" style plan for the young unemployed, as an internal party row refused to die down.

chief whip, and Mr Brown dismissed suggestions of a Shadow Cabinet bust-up over the way the plan was launched.

At a news conference 10 days ago, the shadow Chancellor outlined four choices for young people - in-work training, a green task force, voluntary work or full-time education - and said that, if they did not take up any of them, their benefit would be cut by up to £17 a week.

The idea of benefit cuts is not Labour Party policy and had not

though Mr Brown's aides point to a phrase in the economic policy document approved by the Brighton party conference about the "obligations" of the Cook's reservations supported unemployed to take the op-

portunities offered to them. ed the suggestion that Mr Brown was "out of control", making up policy as he went along. The idea of Gordon Brown out of control seems to me to be a very unreasonable and unlikely phrase for him," he said on the BBC's Breakfast With Frost programme.

the rivalry between Mr Brown and Robin Cook, Labour foreign affairs spokesman. But Mr Cook is also more liberal, and could be expected to oppose the ele-

been discussed beforehand, al- ment of compulsion in Mr However, other Shadow

Cabinet members who might have been expected to share Mr the plan in public. Last Thursday, Margaret Beckett, indus-Meacher, employment, welcomed it, saying that there has always been some compulsion in the welfare system. It is understood that Mr Brown's colleagues were more annoyed about the lack of consultation than the content of the plan.

A spokesman for Tony Blair, The essence of the conflict is the Labour leader, said the Observer's account of last Tuesday's Shadow Cabinet meeting was a "travesty of what actually took place". Mr Brown described it as "absolute nonsense".

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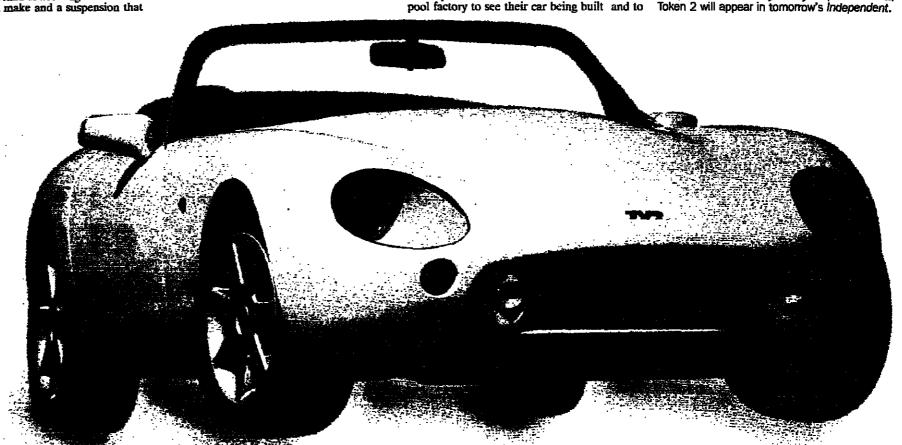
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Cunard denies claim that QE2 is bad for your health Publishing

The owners of the QE2 denied yesterday that hygiene standards on the ship were so low that they posed a serious danger to passengers' health.

A leaked report from

Southampton Port Authority listed a catalogue of failings in equipment and procedures that created a "serious and unnecessary risk to passengers on board the ship who can pay up to £16,000 for a cruise.

During one visit last year, inspectors found water leaking through a light fitting and on to a meat slicer in the ship's galley and a missing air vent cov-er that allowed a "copious filthy black debris" to blow on to surfaces used for food preparation.

Last December, they found the galley had cracked and dirty wash basins which prevented the crew from cleaning their hands properly before handling food; broken lavatories still being used by galley crew; showers overflowing with stagnant water and food being stored in broken refrigerators.

The problems were initially identified after an inspection on 17 December, just before the ship embarked upon a disastrous Christmas cruise after a £30m refit. Defects in the kitchens were again highlighted on 15 October this year.

In between, Trafalgar House, which owns Cunard, said the kitchens had consistently passed health checks and had been given the highest possible rating by the public health authority in the United States.

The incident on 15 October was an isolated one, arising when the ship's crew were working flat out to turn the ship around quickly after it arrived late in Southampton," a company spokesman said. "The inspectors boarded and found a kitchen that had not yet been



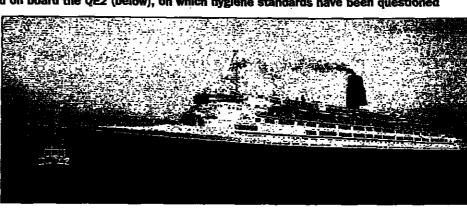
Tucking in: Passengers (above) serving themselves to food on board the QE2 (below), on which hygiene standards have been questioned

erly cleaned before the ship sailed and was re-inspected on October 25 when the ship next returned to Southampton. The inspectors commented favourably on that occasion."

In his report after last December's incident, the inspector said that in his view "many of the catering staff and waiters would have presented themselves for work without having

and service. Each of these events on their own present serious unnecessary risk to the health of your passengers and crew but in combination show an appalling lack of concern and control by your organisation."

The company's spokesman said inspectors had ordered Cunard to implement a new system of management and control systems to try to prevent simi-



been able to use satisfactory sanlar incidents in the future. "Cuitary facilities. They were then nard is actively doing this and unable to properly wash their is confident the authorities will cleaned. It was of course prop- hands during food preparation be fully satisfied."

Employers prejudiced against new universities

BARRIE CLEMENT Labour Editor

Employment prospects for graduates are poor and likely to get much worse, with job-seekers from the old polytechnics facing the added disadvantage of "in-built prejudice" from

The number of degree-hold-

six times more than the available jobs, according to an annual study of employment opportunities published today. While the number of graduates next year is expected to increase by 14 per cent, vacancies are likely to rise by only 2.4 per cent, Industrial Relations Services

In a survey of nearly 200 or-

than a quarter of employers said they expected to cut graduate intake next year.

As part of a "remarkable" change in the market for degree-holders, the biggest recruiters were the most likely to predict lower vacancy levels. More than 40 per cent forecast a lower intake. Small and mediers is set to increase by nearly ganisations employing more um-sized enterprises are taking

university output.

The authors say that the "massive shake-up" in higher education in the last few years has led to a dramatic increase in the quantity of new graduates entering the market.

There is now an unofficial "two-tier" approach by employers, the IRS Employee Development Bulletin found. In

than 1 million people, more an increasing proportion of contrast to previous surveys, there was an in-built prejudice

against the new universities. An increasing number of employers felt the old polytechnics were producing low-calibre graduates. Equally worrying was the fact that most employers felt the teaching at new institutions was not more

relevant to business. More than a third of re-

spondents reported dissatisfaction with graduates' business awareness - a substantial in-

crease on last year's finding. The report said that starting salaries reflected employers lack of confidence. This year's average starting pay was £13,959
- a rise of only 3.3 per cent on 1994. The prediction for next year is 3.2 per cent, below the expected rate of inflation.

group to go on-line with magazine

MATHEW HORSMAN Media Editor

A stampede into electronic publishing is expected to follow Condé Nast's launch of a "virtual magazine" on the Internet.

The product, focusing on entertainment, news and fashion, will join the publisher's existing internet site, called Condé Nast World Server, over the next few weeks, where excerpts from other group magazines, including GQ, are already

The company has spent "well into six figures" launching the service, but expects advertising revenue to cover costs virtually from the start.

Until now, there have been doubts about the commercial viability of publishing over the Internet but now other publishers will push forward their own Internet plans.

The company will today an-nounce the new editorial and commercial team hired to develop the venture. They include Rhys Williams, formerly a journalist with the Independent, as editor, and Jacqueline Euwe, former advertising manager at Vogue, who will become commercial director

Nicholas Coleridge, managing director of Condé Nast, said the decision to launch a nev product was taken on the strength of interest generated by the existing service. "We tested our site for six weeks and logged a lot of use. That has emboldened us to enlarge the service."

He added that the new Internet product will use existing Condé Nast material from its stable of magazines, but will also commission original work and refresh the site regularly. Archive material from the company's impressive library will

also be on offer periodically. The service will be advertiser-funded, but could generate subscription fees in the future, provided secure payment systems can be developed. "We are definitely looking at the ques-

tion of secure credit-card transactions," Mr Coleridge said But we believe there is sufficient interest from advertising companies and clients to make

Condé Nast, which also publishes Vanity Fair, has a similar service up and running in the US, Condé Net.

The American market for electronic publishing has de-veloped more quickly than in Europe, with most major magazines - including the New Republic, Harpers and the Economist - already making at least some of their products

available on the Internet. Last week, the celebrated



New horizons: Gearing up for an electronic future

political journalist Michael Kingsley, formerly of the New Republic, confirmed that he was to edit a virtual magazine backed by Microsoft, the software giant. It will be available through the Microsoft Network, launched earlier this year on the Windows 95 software package.

The move convinced many US publishers that the market was about to take off, and Condé Nast's entry into the UK market is seen as similarly trend-setting.
Ten staff have been hired by

Condé Nast in addition to the editor and commercial director. Mr Coleridge said the enlarged service would be available to In-

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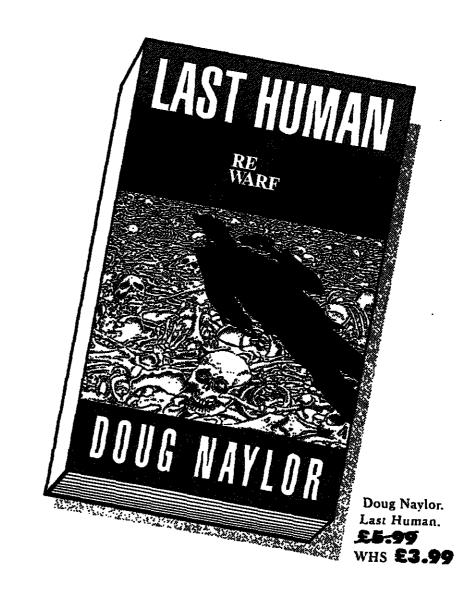
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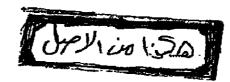
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Bosnia talks: Hopes rise that Dayton is on the brink of ending Europe's bloodiest conflict since the Second World War

Balkan peace deal set for signing today

RUPERT CORNWELL Washington

President Franjo Tudjman of Croatia was heading back to the Bosnian peace talks in Dayton. Ohio yesterday, in the clearest sign yet that 19 days of non-stop negotiation at a Midwestern airforce base were on the brink of producing a deal to end the bloodiest conflict in Europe since the Second World War. As the three delegations from

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ing tempered by renewed demands from the Bosnian government for a written guarantee of US arms to counter Serb superiority in the region demands which sources described as a "potential deal-

breaker" if pushed to the limit.
Acknowledging these lastminute doubts, Nick Burns, the State Department spokesman, insisted yesterday that the outcome could still "go either

up an accord, optimism was be-complex at Wright Patterson air force base at Dayton will wrap up today, "An event," in State Department parlance, has been scheduled for Itlam, which will be either a ceremony at which a draft treaty will be initialled

The signals were that it would not. Speaking at Zagreb airport, Mr Tudiman said a deal was on Bosnia, Serbia and Croatia way. The one certainty is that the cards. "If not, then they

day," he told reporters. "It is expected an agreement will be initialled then.

Spurred by increasingly impatient international mediators, led by the US Secretary of State, Warren Christopher, in person, Presidents Slobodan ~ or an announcement that the most promising attempt to end the three and a half year war has Milosevic of Serbia and Alija Izetbegovie of Bosnia were reported to be close to resolving

the issues which from the outset have been the most difficult. These include the precise di-

talks would be finished by Mon- Muslim-Croat federation and Sacirbey, announced his resig- one reinforcing the alliance beconstitution of Bosnia, the Bosnian Serb areas in the east and north-west and the status linking that city with the remaining Muslim stronghold of

Gorazde in eastern Bosnia. Indications have been multiplying that the climax is at hand. First, Mr Christopher returned to Dayton from the Asian-Pacific summit in Osaka, Japan. Then the Bosnian Foreign Minister, Muhammed

children, particularly the

refugees whose families were

forced to flee empty-handed

and who survive on humani-

That is why the Internation-

al Red Cross began an effort more than a year ago to provide

all Sarajevo children aged 7-14

with a glass of milk and a sand-

wich every day during term time. It is one of the projects

which the *Independent* Chil-

dren of War appeal will support.

Malta primary school in new

Sarajevo are universal but the

jarring notes remind you this is

Bosnia: a large Unicef poster

with the silhouette of two boys

bending over the tailfin of a

rocket embedded in the ground

with the warning, "Unexploded

dled up in scarves, gloves and

bulky jackets inside the build-

"Good morning," chorus

the bitter winter.

The sounds and sights of the

tarian hand-outs.

EMMA DALY

the Bosnian Serbs, the future nation - because he had been largely ignored at key moments of decision, but also to clear the way for a Croat to be appointof Sarajevo and the corridors ed to one of the country's most senior posts. This would bolster the shaky Muslim-Croat federation as it proceeds to take charge of 51 per cent of Bosnian territory. Yesterday, translators were working on the final text of documents which

would be initialled today. Thus far the Dayton summit has yielded two partial accords,

School food is no joke for

tween Muslims and Croats, the other providing for a peaceful return to Croatia of East Slavo-nia, seized by the Serbs at the outset of the war. But the heart of the issue has been the future of Bosnia, and even with a Dayton agreement, major obstacles will remain.

In the short term, President Bill Clinton must sell the planned deployment of 20,000 US ground troops to a hostile Congress and an unconvinced

Thereafter looms the issue of arming the Bosnians, According to Mr Burns, Muslim demands will not be dealt with in the settlement. But even if that is acceptable to Mr Izetbegovic, it may not be to some Nato members, who argue that Washington cannot provide the backbone of a neutral peacekeeping force, and be a declared ally of one of the parties to the

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Much needed: Two girls at Malta primary school enjoy their vital daily Red Cross snack Photograph: Kevin Weaver us and giggle at the questions.

the children of Sarajevo School food, that butt of jokes the world over, is not only much sought-after in Saraievo but is vital to many of the city's

"I like maths and Bosnian language lessons," said Nijaz, a thin, dark boy. "It used to be

Serbo-Croat, now it's Bosn-ian," Ms Kostic explains. The atmosphere is jolly and the children well behaved, but there is still a hint of anarchy unusual among a group so young, another effect of the years of war and the collapse of authority. "You can see that wildness in them, a kind of

aggression," Ms Kostic said. Arnel, who has placed his sandwich to one side and has no cup for his milk, is a refugee from Foca, a Muslim-majority town in south-eastern Bosnia viciously "cleansed" by Serb bombs. Don't go near and don't touch." And the children buntroops in 1992, "My house was destroyed. I was not upset. I remember Foca from before the war, my friends," Arnel says. Ms ing - there is no heating, despite Kostic is worried about him; he cannot read or write well and should be in a lower class, but it is difficult to contact his par-

the 30-odd eight-year-olds in Biljana Kostic's second-year ents to discuss the issue. class, one of the few English The school administrator, Rabija Softic, emphasises the phrases she has taught her pupils. They sing "Frère Jacques", again in English, for importance of the daily handout. "There is often no milk in Saraievo, or if there is many

people cannot afford it, so marks (£356,000) per term, or these snacks are very important. about £4,700 per school. The We really want this project to continue for as long as possible." It is not only needed on the government side of the line; the project benefits more than

47,000 school-children in 73 schools, 29 of them in Serb-held territory. Conditions in Grbav-ica, the rebel area of central Sarajevo, are often as bad as in the rest of the city, though prices are lower.

The German Red Cross. which administers the programme, distributes flour and milk powder to local bakeries

project was interrupted last March, when an increase in shelling and sniping forced the government to close schools, but with the hope of peace Malta reopened for the winter term on 15 September.

As break-time begins after a maths lesson. Ismar, who sits next to Arnel, asks if he can sing a song for us. He stands like a small but determined soldier. and sings of the wind rushing above the sea. Most of the children, who were four when the war began, know the seaside only from photographs, distant memories and Ismar's song.

to schools. The cost is 780,000 * INDEPENDENT CHILDREN OF WAR APPEAL I would like to make a donation to help children in former Yugoslavia. I enclose a cheque/postal order/CAV/CAF card for made payable to one of the following charities. Children Advocacy International British Red Cross Former Yugoslavia Appeal War Child Save the Children (please tick as appropriate) Signature . Please post your donation(s) to: The Independent Children of War Appeal, c/o the independent, PO Box 4011, London E14 5BB THANK YOU

Walesa and poll rival neck-and-neck

ADRIAN BRIDGE Warsaw

Poles braved wind and snow vesterday to vote in a presidential election that has underlined the extent to which the country remains divided six years after Communism collapsed.

An early exit poll showed President Lech Walesa and Aleksander Kwasniewski, his challenger, running close, with 50.35 per cent backing Mr Walesa, against 49.65 per cent for the Social Democrat Mr Kwasniewski. For many, the election represented a re-run of the battle between Poland's Communist rulers and the Walesa-led Solidarity movement that brought it down. "I am voting for Mr Walesa

because I do not want the Reds to come back into power," said Zdzisław Skomialow outside his polling station in Warsaw. "Even if it meant going barefoot with Walesa as president I would willingly do it. He deserves praise for having got rid of the enemy after 40 years."

The reopening of the Solidarity-Communism divide has favoured Mr Walesa, whose performance over the past five years has been criticised by both enemies and former allies. According to Mr Kwasniewski, a junior minister in the

last truly Communist government, it has been a false debate, distracting attention from the really important questions about Poland's future.

gain support from Poles too young to remember life under Communism and who were attracted by his good looks, quick wit and slick campaigning style. "Mr Kwasniewski is clearly

the better of the two," said Pawel Chmielewski, 19. "He may have his roots in Communism but I think we have to believe him when he says he will not repeat the mistakes of the past. It is clear that there can never be a return to Communism." For all their antagonism, there are no fundamental differences in the candidates'

policy goals.

Both support membership of Nato and the European Union and both declare them-In addition to SLD stalwarts, selves to be in favour of further that I would call neo-pagan".

Mr Kwasniewski looked set to market reforms. In the first round of the election two weeks ago, Mr Kwasniewski outvoted Mr Walesa by 35 per cent to 33 per cent. The remaining votes went to 11 other candidates, who then dropped out of the

> With some opinion polls yes terday predicting a win for Mr Kwasniewski, the Catholic Church leapt into the fray. Priests urged believers to vote for the candidate they believed to be "closer to God", a veiled reference to Mr Walesa, a devout Catholic and father of eight.

Poland's Primate, Cardinal Jozef Glemp, called the election "a choice between two people and two value-systems: a set of Christian values and a system

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Nostalgic few honour Franco

ELIZABETH NASH

Scarlet-and-gold flags embla-zoned with the fascist eagle fluttered in the midday sun as the veteran nationalist Blas Pinar ranted at the foot of Madrid's only equestrian statue of Fraucisco Franco. "Democracy is weak, the country is sad. Let us revive the dreams of a great and united Spain. Artiba España!" Among up to 5,000 enthusi-

asts, including old and young, arms shot aloft in fervent response. A smart-suited woman turned to her companion, her carmine lips trembling: "They should never have handed over power to the King. That was the big mistake." But those who rallied yesterday to mark today's 20th anniversary of the death of the dictator are a small, splintered minority dubbed nostalgicos by the media. "We've been inoculated against fascism," shrugged a Spanish

friend this week. Most Spaniards - 76 per cent according to a survey published yesterday - overwhelmingly support the democratic system. Just 15 years ago, the proportion was 49 per cent. And the standing of King Juan Carlos has never been higher. Some 73 per cent think the transition to democracy would not have been possible without him and 79 per cent see the monarchy as a guar-

antee of order and stability. If the diminishing numbers of



Franco's followers, flanked yes- constitution," Mr Peces-Barba terday by a clutch of German visitors in jackboots, remain intransigent, many Spaniards have softened their attitude towards Franco's 36-year rule.

Spaniards as having both good and bad aspects. Gregorio Peces-Barba, a Socialist who fought Franco and became one of the founders of the 1978 democratic constitution, said recently that the peaceful transition from dictatorship to democracy was made possible only by the consensus reached among all political

says. "But we tried to avoid including anything that was intolerable to anyone." This pursuit of consensus broke the pattern of more than a century during which Spanish consti-Franquismo, the survey found, is seen by 63 per cent of young tutions had been forcibly imposed and reimposed by one half of the country on the other, culminating in civil war and dictatorship costing hundreds of

thousands of lives. Part of the price of a consensus that stretched from re-Franco's ministers was what forgetting": what most particiforces after Franco's death. pants in the transition process "Of course not everyone saw as a necessary sweeping than the weakness, of Spain's agreed with everything in the away of old rivalries and feel-

ings of blame and revenge in favour of a clean slate. "To keep making history you have to for-get the past," said the Basque commentator and philosopher Fernando Savater recently.

But many feel that the pact of forgetting left corners of Spanish politics unreformed. Among them were the police and the civil guard, enabling illegal government anti-terrorist squads to wage a campaign of covert aggression against suspected Basque separatists in the Eighties. Twelve years on, disclosures about the dirty war are causing the worst crisis to face today's Socialist government.
Many old rivalries and feel-

ings of blame and revenge were not forgotten at all. In a casual conversation about voting intentions, a public relations executive in his early 50s who seemed studiously apolitical, which in Spain usually indicates conservative sympathies, suddenly became agitated. "I could never vote for the [conservative] People's Party because it contains ministers of Franco who were responsible for executing people." he said.

His comment illustrates a widely held view: if Spain's fascists no longer have a conpublican Communists to stituency, it is partly because the vestiges of the far right can find became known as "the pact of a home in the democratic opposition. Which, if true, perhaps indicates the strength, rather

Do pension companies get away with over-charging?

A recent Money Management magazine survey exposed a number of pension providers whose charges exceed 30 per cent of their customers' premiums. What might be called 'over-charging' does appear to be happening. Of course, there's no such thing as a free pension. Setting up the plan requires administration, and the fund must then be carefully managed for up to 25 years or more this costs money. The question you have to ask yourself Financial Planning Manager, call us on 0800 65 65 65.

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Rabin inquiry: Details of deal with right-wing informer fuel row over agency's security lapses

Killer's ally 'spied for Shin Bet'

PATRICK COCKBURN

Avishai Raviv, head of the extreme-right Eyal group and friend of Yigal Amir, the as-sassin of Yilzhak Rabin, the Israeli prime minister, was a paid informer of the Shin Bet internal security agency over the past two years. It gave him the codename Champagne and promised to ignore Eyal's with perhaps as few as 20 memactivities in return for infor- bers. Mr Amir was closely asmation about right-wing extremists, according to Israeli press and television reports.

The disclosure that Mr Raviv may have worked for the Shin Bet will further inflame the

dispute about how it failed to know about the plot to kill Ra-bin. Rabbi Benny Elon, a rightwing activist. said: "I knew. and many people knew, that the one working most closely with Raviv was Yigal Amir."
Mr Raviv, 27, like Mr Amir,

went to the conservative Bar-Ilan university near Tel Aviv and founded Eyal two years ago. It was always a small organisation, sociated with it even if he was not formally a member. The interrogators of Mr Ra-

viv are reported to believe that other members of his group suspected he was a mole for the

Shin Bet and did not tell him about their plans to kill Rabin. Four days after Rabin was killed Mr Raviv was arrested. He was held for nine days then mysteriously released.

He has been ordered by the court to stay at his parents' home and not go back to the set-tlement of Kiryat Arba, near Hebron. He is also forbidden to talk to the press, although he is said to have denied being an in-

Mr Amir says that while people knew about plans in general terms, he did not tell anybody about his intentions on the night of 4 November, when he finally got his opportunity to galit Har-Shefi, another Bar-Ilan student said by police to be at the heart of the conspiracy, continues to deny that he knew about it.

The head of the Shin Bet, known by the codename K, was the first person to give evidence to the official government inquiry into the assassination, which began yesterday. Most testimony will be given in private, to protect the identity of Shin Bet officials and their informants.

The three-man commission of inquiry is headed by the recently retired head of the Supreme Court, Meir Shamgar,

and has limited terms of reference. But it will examine why the Shin Bet was unable to identify Mr Amir as the young religious Yemeni whom Shlomo Halevi, a student who had learned about the assassination plan from his girlfriend, had told the agency in June was planning to kill the prime minister.

Criticism of the Shin Bet's failings has reopened a bitter dispute which raged earlier in the year over the appointment of K. Ironically, K was primarily criticised by the right for con-centrating too much on the violence of settlers. They put up posters giving his name and home address.

Despite the fact that K turned out to be correct - and his opponents wrong - in his diagnosis of direction of the threat facing Israel, he is now under attack from the right.

In the Jerusalem Post, Uri Dan and Dennis Eisenberg say Israelis are demanding that the Shin Bet chief "quit and make way for a professional of repute, someone who will return the organisation to the days when when it was the pride of the nations." It emerges, however, that a gripe of the security men most opposed to K is that he is hostile to Israeli settlers on the West Bank and prepared to co-operate with the PLO.

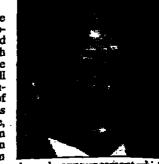
IN BRIEF

Catalonia poll could signal Spanish trend

Barcelona — Voting began yesterday for a new Catalonian par-liament in a poll that could signal trends for an early Spanish gen-eral election expected in March. Five million voters are electing eral election expected in March. Five million voters are electing eral election expected in March. Five million toters are electing trist Convergencia i Unio (CiU) nationalist coalition hoping to retain its absolute majority. In the last legislative elections in 1992, CiU won 70 seats with 46.1 percent of the vote, to the Socialists' 40 seats with 27.5 per cent. The centrist Popular Party obtained seven seats with 5.9 per cent. The latest opinion polls indicated the CiU would take between 65 and 68 seats. It needs 68 for an seven seats with 3.5 per term 65 and 68 seats. It needs 68 for an absolute majority. The Socialists, who govern at national level could drop to between 31 and 35 seats.

Apec leaders promise to free Asian trade

Osaka - The 18 leaders of the Asia Pacific Economic Co-op-eration forum ended their third summit meeting yesterday with individual promises of trade liberalisation, but failed to quell growing doubts that the organ-isation can achieve its goal of free trade by 2020, writes Richard Lloyd Parry. "We have, with Osaka, entered the action phase in translating this vision



and these goals into reality," ran the concluding declaration. But the only announcement which caused much surprise came from the Chinese President, Jung Zemin (above right), who promised to reduce trade tariffs by 30 per cent from next year, a step towards China's eventual membership of the World Trade Organisation.

Ban on women priests is infallible

Vatican City - In a drastic move, the Vatican has attempted to slam shut the debate over women priests by declaring that the ban on their ordination is an infallible part of Catholic doctrine that cannot be disputed or changed. Dissident Catholic groups said the move was potentially divisive, pointing out that polls say many Catholics would approve of women priests. The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Fuith, the Vatican body that oversees docurinal issues, issued a statement at the Pope's request in an attempt to clear up lingering doubts about the definitive asture of his 1994 letter on women priests. The Congregation said Catholics should see the 1994 letter as applying "always, everywhere and to all faithful". The method chosen to stress the definitive nature of the ban stopped just short of the most solemn form of declaring something infallible - when the Pope does it himself, speaking ex cathedra (from the throne).

Peace award for Nigerian general

New Delhi — The former Nigerian head of state, General Olisegun Obasanjo, has been awarded this year's Indira Gandhi International Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development. "General Obasanjo, who was head of state of Nigeria and voluntarily gave no military rule and insited a civilar of the state of untarily gave up military rule and invited a civilan government to take over, has been chosen for the award," an Indira Gandhi Memorial Trust spokesman said.

Moi denies friendship with Rwanda leader

Nairobi — Kenya's President Daniel arap Moi is denying that he was a personal friend of Rwanda's late president. The Kenyan leader said that President Juvenal Habyarimana was closer to a minister in the Moi Cabinet who now leads an opposition party. Mr Moi said he would not allow his friendship with Mr Habyarimana to colour his views of the international tribunal set to try people who planned and carried out the genocide.

Uninvited wedding guest goes free

Copenhagen — An elegantly dressed Frenchman who walked past security and officials to attend Saturday's royal wedding without having an invitation, was released after a night in detention. Claude Khazizian had been invited by the Ekstra Bladet tabloid to carry out the stunt. No charges were pressed against Mr Khazizian, who was detained after the wedding of Prince Joachim of Denmark Photograph: Khaled Zighari AP | and Hong Kong born British commoner Alexandra Manley. AP

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Arafat visits 'freed' town Jerusalem — Yasser Arafat

chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, yesterday paid his first visit to Jenin, the first of six towns on the West Bank from which Israeli troops will withdraw before Christmas, writes Patrick Cockburn. He told thousands of cheer-

ing Palestinians they had been "liberated" under a peace deal which would continue despite the assassination of the Israeli Prime Minister, Yitzhak Rabin. Protected by hundreds of bodyguards Mr Arafat arrived for his four-hour visit by helicopter Mr Arafat said: "The peace

process goes on. Nobody will be an obstacle, especially those who use their guns for assassination. My brothers, this is the peace movement in the land of prophecy and so we should put our hands together in order to build the Palestinian state. "It's a great day," said Ihsan

Tamrawi, an engineer in Jenin. Our dreams have come true and we saw Yasser Arafat in the liberated land of Palestine." Elsewhere in the West Bank.

10 Palestinian police officers arrived in Tulkarm to prepare for Israel's withdrawal from there next month.



Protection force: Yasser Arafat, surrounded by PLO security guards, addressing the people of Jenin yesterday

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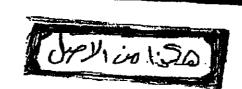
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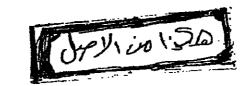


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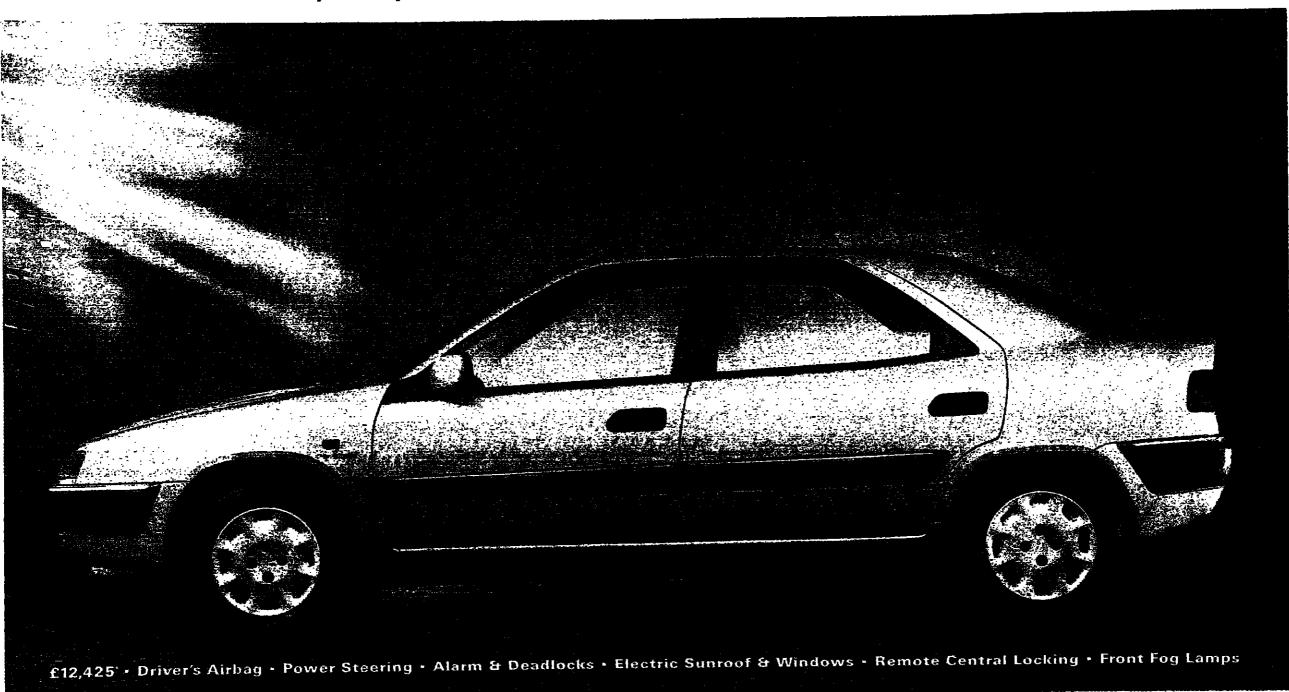


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Heard the latest Mario Cuomo joke? When he found out that Colin Powell had decided not to run for President in 1996, he stepped forward to become the General's running mate.

It has been just over a year since Mr Cnomo was denied a fourth term as Governor of New York by the Republican George Pataki and vanished from America's political landscape. But with the dramatic ditherings of General Powell, the name of Cuomo was suddenly brought

This time four years ago it was Mr Cuomo who had the nation in suspense over whether he would make a run for President. The media pundits were virtually begging him to seek the Democratic nomination. So were most Democrats - among all the possible challengers to George Bush, Mr Cuomo looked like the only one with a real chance of winning.

Mr Cuomo, a firm liberal opposed to the death penalty and a supporter of free choice on abortion, was even more of a tease than General Powell. He chartered an aeroplane to take him from Albany, the state capital, to Washington to announce his candidacy. Then he changed his mind. Many still believe that if he had not, he, and not Bill Clinton, would now be in the White House.

As it is, he is not even in the governor's mansion in Albany. A compulsive political operator and also one of this country's few great orators, Mr Cuomo returned to his Manhattan law practice. But he is gradually edging back into the fray. He is the host of two weekend radio shows in New York and a reg-ular on the lecture circuit. He



Mario Cuomo: edging his way back into the fray

Mario Cuomo

has also written a book, Reason to Believe, a treatise on everything that he believes is wrong with the Republican Revolution of Newt Gingrich, the Speaker of the House of

Representatives.
In his book, Mr Cuomo warns that under Mr Gingrich, the US is in danger of reversing "60 years of the most human and intelligent progress any emment has ever achieved". The Republicans in Congress frame issues by "distilling the bitterest juices from the people's anger, bottling them as legislation and then offering it all back as a magic elixir". In a speech last week, he praised what he called the "sweet strength" of General Powell in forsaking his presidential ambitions.

It was a wise decision, he said, because the general is not accustomed to insubordination and that is what he would have got, from the press and from the Republicans. "Take it from me, they will wee-wee on your shoes," he said of the political pundits. "I wore galoshes for eleven years".

Mr Cuomo predicts that next year will be a race between Mr Clinton and the former Governor of Tennessee Lamar Alexander (not Bob Dole). Mr Clinton, he says, will win. And what of Mr Cuomo him

self? The signs are that his gradual return to the public arena is just beginning. "I've been very quiet for a whole year, because I thought that was appropriate," he noted last week. He says he has not ruled out challenging the Republican Al-fonse D'Amato for his New York Senate seat. Meanwhile, CNN is reported to be considering trying him as a co-anchor on its confrontational show Crossfire. Also on CNN's shortlist: Ann Richards of Texas, another exiled Democratic governor with a handy tongue.

David Usbome

Mulroney sues police over bribery allegations

HUGH WINSOR

Brian Mulroney, the former Canadian prime minister, has announced he is launching a C\$50m (£24m) libel suit against the Canadian government and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police because they have named him in an investigation into possible bribery involving the purchase by Air Canada of 34 assenger jets from Airbus

At the time of the purchase in late 1980s, Air Canada was a state-owned airline and its equipment procurement plans had to be approved by the Cabinet, Mr Mulroney was Prime Minister from 1984 to 1993, after which his Conservative Party evaporated at the

In a statement issued at the weekend, Mr Mulroney confirmed he had been named in a request from the Canadian Justice Department to Swiss authorities for help in the investigation of an alleged criminal conspiracy. The request also asked the Swiss to freeze several bank accounts in Zurich and to permit the RCMP access to

But Mr Mulroney denied he had ever attempted to influence Air Canada's purchasing decision and said he had never received any money from anyone in connection with the Airbus deal. He also said he holds no bank account in Switzerland or anywhere else outside Canada.

The former prime minister is claiming C\$25m in personal damages and C\$25m punitive damages which he has said he would give to charity if the suit was successful. There are no precedents, however, for anyone successfully suing the RCMP for including him in a criminal

There have been rumours about commissions paid on the Air Canada purchase of the Airbus 320s ever since the Airbus consortium beat Boeing for the ed the good name of Canada."

contract when Canada's largest airline decided to re-equip its short-baul fleet. The rumours have always circulated about the role of Frank Moores, a close Mulroney associate, formerly the Newfoundland premier and once a Conservative MP in

Mr Moores was one of the main financial backers of Mr Mulroney's successful bid for the Conservative Party leadership in 1983. After Mr Mulroney led his party to victory, Mr Moores established a consultancy firm in Ottawa to lobby the govern-ment. He maintained his access to the prime minister.

Mr Mulroney had appointed Mr Moores to the board of directors of Air Canada but he was forced to resign when it became known he was lobbying for Wardair, one of Air Canada's

competitors, at the same time. As well as the Airbus deal, there was a pattern of close links between the Mulroney government and business supporters of the Conservative Party. In one case Mr Mulroney pushed through a deal which would have turned over the operation of Toronto airport to a company headed by a former president of the Conservative Party.

In the case of the Airbus purchase, investigators for a CBC television programme traced C\$17m in commissions on the C\$1.8bn purchase to a Lichtenstein-based company whose principal, Karl Heinz Schreiber, is an associate of Mr Moores.

The CBC also said Mr Schreiber accompanied Mr Moores to Zurich, where two accounts were opened, one for Mr Moores and one in the name of Devon, the name of the Montreal street where Mr Mulroney used to live before becoming prime minister.
In his libel suit, Mr Mulroney

claims that "the false and reckless allegations" in the Justice Department request damaged his personal reputation and have "besmirched and distort-



Florida poll win cheers Dole camp

RUPERT CORNWELL

Bob Dole has pulled off a narrow victory in a keenly awaited straw poll of Florida Republicans. If history is any guide, it will reinforce his position as front-runner to win the party's nomination to challenge President Bill Clinton in next year's US presidential election.

The Senate majority leader captured 33 per cent of votes cast by 3,400 delegates, ahead of Sen-

ator Phil Gramm of Texas, with 26 per cent, and the former Teneral department of Texas, with 26 per cent, and the former Teneral department of Texas, with 26 per cent, and the former Teneral department of Texas, with 26 per cent, and the former Teneral department of Texas, with 26 per cent, and the former Teneral department of Texas, with 26 per cent, and the former Teneral department of Texas, with 27 per cent, and the former Teneral department of Texas, with 27 per cent, and the former Teneral department of Texas, with 27 per cent, and the former Teneral department of Texas, with 27 per cent, and the former Teneral department of Texas, with 27 per cent, and the former Teneral department of Texas, with 27 per cent, and the former Teneral department of Texas, with 27 per cent, and the former Teneral department of Texas, with 27 per cent, and the former Teneral department of Texas, with 27 per cent, and the former Teneral department of Texas, with 27 per cent, and the former Teneral department of Texas, with 27 per cent, and the former Teneral department of Texas, with 27 per cent, and 27 per ce nessee Governor Lamar Alexander, with 23 per cent. The winners of the two such previous polls, Ronald Reagan in 1979 and George Bush in 1987, both went on to gain the nomination and then the White House.

Despite the unexpectedly strong performance of Mr Gramm and Mr Alexander, the Dole camp was relieved and delighted. "We won and that's what matters," his aides said. The

dates, such as Senator Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania and Congressman Bob Dorman of California, to drop out.

Meanwhile the budget deadlock which has shut down much of the federal government for an unprecedented six days may be close to a solution. Republicans have tabled a new pro-posal, slightly softening their conditions for balancing the budget in seven years. Leon

Panetta, the White House chief of staff, called it "a step in the right direction", as party leaders prepared to meet last night.

As the wrangling in Washington continued, Republicans won a landslide victory in the once solidly Democratic South when Mike Foster, a millionaire businessman, became only the second Republican Governor of Louisiana in 122 years. He defeated his black Democrat opponent, Cleo Fields, by 64 to 36 per cent.

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Bomb kills 44 at Egypt's embassy

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was first thrown at the embassy gate, apparently to clear the way for a suicide bomber who drove a vehicle packed with explosives into the compound.

The Interior Minister, Naseerullah Babar, said police had found the engine and chas-sis of a van they believed was used in the attack, adding: "I think we will get to the terrorists."

One Pakistani employee. Matioob Hussain, who had been working on the first floor, said he had heard one blast, after which embassy officials told everyone to evacuate the building. A more powerful explosion followed immediately.

Egypt's largest Muslim militant organisation, el-Gamaa el-Islamiya (Islamic Group). claimed responsibility for the attack. A second Islamic militant

group, Jihad, also claimed re-sponsibility. There were no immediate arrests.

Pieces of debris and human flesh were scattered up to 50

metres from the embassy. The blast tore a crater about six metres (20ft) wide inside the embassy compound, ripping the facade from the two-storey building and wrecking several parked cars.

In Cairo, President Hosni Mubarak condemned the bombing as an evil crime "in opposition to all spiritual and humanitarian values"

The attack was the worst on an Egyptian target abroad for years. Frustrated at home, the terrorists appear to be looking for targets abroad in advance of the 29 November elections.

Police action in Egypt has largely confined the Islamic Group's activities to the south of the country. Thousands of suspected Muslim militants have been jailed, and 50 have been executed. More than 850 people have died in the Islamic radicals' campaign.



Grim search: Rescuers working at the Egyptian embassy in Islamabad yesterday

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After the election: Paris's dangerous liaison lingers on

Algeria cannot cure a colonial hangover

ROBERT FISK

In the overgrown pieds-noirs cemetery amid the slums of Belfort, eleven fresh mounds of earth tell the story of France's dangerous love affair with

Algeria.

Each contains the body of a French nun or priest murdered by "Islamists" over the past two years, the flowers still alive on the grave of Odette Prévost of the Little Sisters of the Sacred Heart.

They buried her here a week ago, the last victim of Algeria's pre-election violence, between crumbling walls that embrace thousands of French bones, ancient men and women who died believing that Algerie française would never fade away, who were cut down in the 1914-18 war or shot by snipers in the 1954-62 war of Algerian independence.

Sister Prévost, the 35th French citizen murdered here in three years, had decided, so they said at her simple funeral, to stay in Algeria in its time of trouble". Now, shot dead near her little home in Kouba, she will stay for ever.

France, it seems, can never quite shake off its fascination for this very foreign land, an affection that both tortures and humiliates Frenchmen and Algerians alike. Even as Sister Prévost was being lowered into her grave, her coffin covered in a Berber blanket and pelted with orange roses before the Algerian earth covered it for ever, a hysterical Algerian woman was standing up at Liamine Zeroual's last election rally to hurl contempt at France. Mr Zeroual was right to refuse a meeting with Jacques Chirac at the UN. "When Zeroual gave a slap to Jacques Chirac," she shricked, "it was like Dev Hussein slapping the face of the French consul in 1827."

In fact, the Dey Hussein of Algiers hit the French consul in the face with a fly whisk - calling him "a wicked, faithless, idol-worshipping rascal" - and the act provoked the French invasion of 1830 and the long and bloody occupation which ended only 33 years ago. But the message was clear. Algeria was no more afraid of France now than it had been a century and a half ago. How dare France insult the nation she humiliated for so many years? How dare France dictate to Algeria? Because she does not wish her for-

mer colony to be successful? If France's concern for Algeria can be fatal, Algeria's torting the news from our obsession with France is

almost as lethal. Throughout the election campaign that gave Mr Zeroual his first mandate as President last week, the ghosts of Algeria's colonial era hovered over the candidates.

But what can Prance do to repair the shambles of its relationship with Algeria in the aftermath of last week's election? If it urges further dialogue with "Islamists", President Zeroual will claim that France is soft on "terrorism". If it supports any new military action by Mr Zeroual against the armed Islamist groups, it may provoke more bombs on French soil. And if it remains obstinately neutral, all sides in Algeria will accuse France of abandoning the country after a century and a haif of colonial humiliation.

President Zeroual may have 'slapped down" Mr Chirac at the UN but he has his own connections within the French administration. During his six months at French military



college in Paris during the mid-Seventies, the future General Zeroual was a close acquaintance of a young French officer called Christian Quesnot. General Quesnot is now adviser on military affairs to Jacques Chirac (as he was to President François Mitterrand). Nor have Algerians failed to notice that Charles Pasqua, the French former interior minister whose distaste for fundamentalists rivalled that of the Algerian top

tor at the Elysée Palace. Will President Zeroual's electoral victory persuade France to give more support to the Algerian military? Or will Mr Chirac content himself with statesmanlike advice about the greater need for dialogue through strength?

The French will never know how to treat us because they do not understand us," a young Alyesterday. "I watch French television every night - we all do to find out how they are dis-

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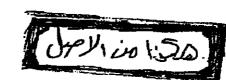
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Getting around mobile data

A year ago there were around three million mobile phone users and everyone was amazed. Today the figure is nearer five million. It looks set to reach 12 million by the end of the century. And what is more the newer more flexible digital technology is taking over. Vodafone's last quarter was the first where its digital connections outstripped its analogue connections. "There is a glass ceiling which needs to be considered when forecasting the growth of any technology. says Mike Short. Cellnet's Director of International Affairs. "However, with GSM [digital cellular], its own glass ceiling moves ever upward."

And it isn't just voices going over the airwaves. We ordinary folk are starting to send and receive data.

But if we reach 12 million users by 2000, that is more than one in five of our total population. This will change the way we view the mobile phone. By 2000 call prices are likely to be much lower, call quality will be higher and in-building reception will be better. There are many in the industry who believe we will be starting to use our mobile phone as our first phone. Think about the situation today. It is crazy. Before seven in the morning we know to ring someone's home number, after 9.30 and before 5.30, we know to ring the office number and after 5.30 perhaps home, but then perhaps not. Why all the complicated decisions. We want to speak to a person, not a phone location. As soon as it becomes almost as cheap to phone a mobile phone as a land-line phone we will start doing it in droves.

Today its not just our voice that is being carried over airwaves. Already the cellular phone service operators say a growing percentage of their traffic over the digital GSM and Orange networks is data. (One 2 One has yet to launch its data service). Mobile data, sending information in text or image form out to devices that travel around with us either computers or hand-held electronic devices, is starting to take off like a rocket. Today mobile can only send data at a very

Steve Homer introduces this six-page special report on mobile communications

many ways this company comes out with excellent phones but

it has always skimped on

'extras". This was bad enough

when its early GSM phones

were not supporting functions

that everyone knew would be

available in a year or two. But

mobile data at 9600 has been

available in the UK since

October 1994 and Motorola

must have known it was coming.

Yet despite launching all sorts

of wonderful mobile phones in

recent months, not one of its

phones will give you 9600. The best they can do is 2400. The

it was launched back in January 1994, and its latest, slightly

enhanced model is ready for

network improvement that are

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for some time. So if you are

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not do the job. And if you plan

to keep the phone for three years

you should really be careful.

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Well sometimes you can, but

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But why would we ever want

mobile data? There are three distinct areas: message sending, file sharing and accessing

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Nokia's popular 2110 GSM phone

data is restricted to business users but tomorrow, if you have a mobile phone and a portable computer, you will probably want to be using mobile data to look at the news headlines, to access ticket availability at the theatre, to find your way around a strange town, to check on train times, to check a route in your car and to do so many things we have not yet thought of.

But data will always be a bit of a laggard. The incredible growth in mobile phone usage growth in module priorite using is being driven by consumer interest while data is being tagged along behind," says Martin Garner, Managing Consultant at telecommunications analysts

Over 12 million phone capable of 9600 will not Ovum. "For data to spread out to a more people will have be out until consumer market, one of a mobile phone in the key things by 2000 is that data access needs

easy. That means good sales advice, good products and especially good after-sales support." has had 9600 capabilities since it was launched back in January 1994, and its latest, slightly

to be made

At the moment the whole question of migrating to becoming a mobile data whiz kid can be fraught with problems. Firstly, there is the high price of the equipment, the conditions and connection charges, and then there can be incompatibility nightmares.

For example, most people come to mobile data via a GSM phone. They have a phone for a few months and then hear that it is possible to slip a small card into the side of their portable computer and download data at 9600 baud -75 per cent as quickly as most plug-in-the-telephone-socketmodems. "Great," you think, "lets rush out and buy one of these wonderful cards". But you can only use cards from your manufacturer with your phone. and the phones on sale foday

information. The most common form of mobile data is e-mail. So many organisations now rely almost entirely on e-mail for internal communications, that it is no surprise that nearly every office road warrior puls e-mail at the top of their benefit The biggest sinner in this is list after they first get their Motorola, the leading provider datacard and mobile phone. of mobile phones in the UK. In

If you have a large office network then there are software products that will let you login remotely and access your mail just as if you were in the office. If you are not on an e-mail system then you will probably be using Compuserve or CIX or some such service. All you do is log into these services exactly as you do on your computer in the office.

The other big plus for mobile data is file sharing. Again this can mean logging back on to your office network, or it can mean "picking up" files that someone has sent to you. If you do have a 9600 GSM connection then it is reasonable to pull down quite large files without tying up your machine for long. Finally, there is seeking infor-

mation. Again, of course, you can log on to Compuserve or some such network, or trawl the Internet, but there are also dialin information services like Tel-Me which have set up special options for mobile phone access.

But mobile data is not just GSM. If you are in business there are specific solutions that may be more cost effective and other services are available in other countries which may be coming here. Most exciting will be the eventual arrival of General Magic services. General Magic is a whole raft of telecommunications standards designed to make telephone networks intelligent and easy to use. General Magic services have already launched in the US, but sadly will not be in here for a couple of years.

There are half a dozen satelyour computer system at home. lite phone systems planned which will allow you to make phone calls from pretty much anywhere and all of them will don't be too reliant on using data on a GSM phone in offer some form of data transfer. Whatever the future, what-

ever the data rate, there is no going back. The mobile data genie is firmly out of the bottle.



Upwardly mobile: Paul King runs his company Treblenine Couriers from his Renault van, assisted by a portable telephone with fax and modem, a satellite navigation system, two computers and a PA system for loudhailing his consignee when

Anywhere you wander, roaming will soon be easy

Personal Communications Services (PCS), such as those offered by Mercury One-2-One and Orange Personal Communications, are also capable of transferring data, fax and e-mail messages over their networks. These systems are, after all, virtually identical to the GSM networks of Cellnet and Vodafone in that they are based on the GSM sister tech-nology DCS-1800 which operates at 1800 MHz as opposed to 900 MHz.

In the US, GSM has been accepted as an approved PCS standard by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and telecoms approval body, the Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA). PCS-1900, the US variant of GSM, is an up-banded version

radio spectrum. Network operators across the US have opted for the GSM technology as they see its potential for international roaming services as well as competitively priced infrastructure and pricing.

Though these various GSM-

based systems operate at different frequencies, and therefore different handsets. the ability to roam is still available by using the Subscriber Identity Module, a smart card, common to all of the systems. Consequently, operators around the GSM world are gearing up for so-called "plastic roaming", whereby the user will simply need to take the SIM card when travelling internationally and hire or buy the relevant handset when in the different regions. Even this

requirement is set to change

with the recent development of "dual-band" GSM handsets such as the Ericsson GSM-900/DCS-1800 handset which can detect and operate at either frequency depending on available services. Analogue cellular data is also possible, although as the

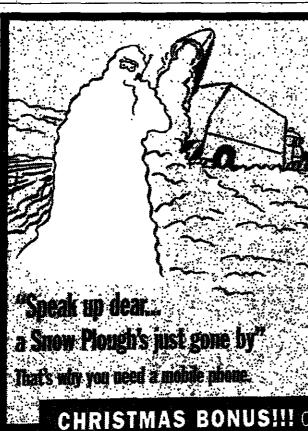
cost of GSM digital services falls to a par with these systems, the market growth is not set to rise in the same way as GSM and PCN networks services. Conversely, in the US, analogue cellular networks

have over 30 million users. according to the Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association. For this mass of analogue cellular users, the need for mobile data is being addressed by network operators by an overlay data capability called Cellular Digital Packet Data (CDPD), which is being

period before digital cellular data services take up the slack and drive the market. CDPD uses the digital control channel on the analogue networks and effectively uses the "gaps" in transmission to send data.

Attention is, however. turning from CDPD to PCS-1900 and other digital cellular standards as market awareness shifts from yesterday's technology to the promise of wide-area, anytime, any-place, anywhere applications.

For operators such as Cellnet, Vodafone, One-2-One and Orange, "Get subscribers motivated and "Grow, support, maintain" slogans are now the order of the day, as digital cellular operators refine their data and enhanced services in the battle to add value to the basic mobile telephony.



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At last the Government looks set to do something about the mushrooming problems of mobile phone crime. Around 12,500 mobile phones are stolen every month according to the Government. Phone fraud and mobile phone crime is costing British industry £100million-ayear according to the Department of Trade and Industry.

The biggest problem is phone cloning. This only affects the older analogue phones but these still make up the majority of the phones in use. With analogue phones, along with the phones subscriber number, a secret handset code number, known as the Electronic Serial Number (ESN), is also trans-mitted. The telephone exchange receiving the

call from your handset reads then checks to number of the

The problem is that for years criminals have been able to eavesdrop on these numbers and steal them. Armed with your phone number and your ESN, criminais have been able to clone your phone. All they need to do is program your phone number into another phone and then replace the ESN chip in the phone with a new one with your

The phone can then be used until either you spot that there are strange phone calls on your bill or the network's monitoring system picks up some-

Vodafone has taken things a bit further than this. On some newer phones it is possible to put in an extra level of checking. Each time a call is made the network issues a quasi-ESN which the phone stores. On the next call the exchange checks both the ESN and the quasi-

the exchange allows the call and sends out a new quasi-ESN. This way if criminals have stolen your ESN it does not matter because by the time they get round to using it the

quasi-ESN will be wrong.
The Government is so worried about the huge problem of this "rechipping" that it is proposing to make it illegal to have the necessary scanning equipment that allows criminals to steal ESNs over the air. In a few years time, when we have all moved over to digital phones then there should be no problem. With GSM phones from Cellnet and Vodafone, One 2 One phones and Orange phones the equivalent of your phone number and ESN is sent out in encrypted

form, This is

Phone fraud and But many number and mobile phone industry make sure that Crime is costing that criminals will eventually matches the British industry be able to get around digital phone you £100million a year phones secu-

rity systems. "The criminals probably employ as many scientists as we do," says David Savage, Chairman of the Federation of Communications service. "Ten years ago we did not think it was possible to change an ESN. How wrong we were. You just cannot tell what is going to happen in the

But the fact that digital phones cannot be cloned does not mean that they are not worth stealing. While the smart card used by these phones to access the telephone system can be quickly switched off, at present most networks cannot detect if the phone itself is stolen. Given that there is a shortage of good digital phones and that they are much more expensive to manufacture than analogue phones, and given that they can be used in many different countries, it is not surprising that a sizeable market





A Presidential reception: Bill Clinton irons out some problems while he is away from the office Photograph: AP

Simon Rockman gives a guide to the costs of portables

before they faced the opposi-tion of first Mercury One 2 One and then Orange. This meant they had better coverage and were seeing a return on investment with which to fight the new networks. To give Mercury and Orange a helping hand the Government allowed the new networks to sell direct. This is why you see phones sold by Mercury and Orange but not by Celinet and Vodafone. The old networks sidestepped the sell-direct" legislation by setting up their own service provider divisions - Call Connections and Vodac among others, but the end result was one of marketing. You can now buy cheap phones, funded by the marketing budgets of Cellnet and Vodafone, which

what less subsidised. Until September 18th. Mercury offered free calls in the evenings as a major selling point. This has now been revised to weekends only, but existing customers still have free calls in the evenings. Under the new tariffs Mercury has followed Orange in billing by the second, as the fixed line phone companies now do. Celinet and Vodafone bill bythe-minute or 30-second interval; although this is at the

cost more to run, or a more

expensive phone from Orange

or Mercury, which are some-

discretion of the Service Provider and some, such as Cellcom, offer shorter billing

periods. There are differences in the technology between Analogue, Digital GSM and Digital PCN, but none of these are substantial compared to the cost of running the phone. The PCN system used by Mercury and Orange may be significantly cheaper to run: Orange claim that on average their phones cost £20-a-month less on a "typical bill" than their rivals, and will save heavy users even more. Orange won't say what a typical bill is, but What Mobile and cellphone magazine's research shows that it refers to a £50-bill which consequently will cost £30. Orange recently ran a campaign to poach heavier users by offering a free car kit, if you could produce regular bills showing that you spent over a certain threshold on your Cellnet or Vodafone lines. This promotion was very successful and we are likely to

see more. Vodafone is the only network not advertising on television, and the four networks between them will spend in excess of £25m this Christmas. Add in the significant advertising of the likes of Carphone Warehouse, Peoples Phone, Ericsson and Motorola, and we are likely to see so much in the way of phone promotions between now and Christmas that everyone will be sicker of tinging tones than they are of turkey sandwiches come New

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Years Day.

Having been driven into the mobile phone shop you will probably be hopelessly confused as to what to buy. The important thing to remember is that whatever you get, mobile phones are still quite expensive. Expect a phone to cost you over 1500 in the first year. This makes them a very poor Christmas present. The best bet is probably an Orange phone which costs £150 and is cheaper to run, but still means that unless you undertake to pay the bill yourself, you are still buying your nearest and dearest a liability of about £350 next year.

Look very carefully at the tariffs and also look at the extra costs. Phone theft is rife and insurance is necessary. Bardaycard has a new scheme with Celinet which offers an excellent phone for £49.95 on one of the less expensive GSM tariffs and includes insurance. But generally you should take out a separate policy and never leave a phone on a car seat.

When buying a phone look at the availability of accessories. You should also look at the battery life and ringer volume. Weight is usually a trade-off against battery life, but with most phones now weighing less than 250g they should all fit in a jacket pocket.

Which is the best set to use with a computer?

No man is an island, unless his e-mail connection is down, in which case he's adrift without a propulsion device. The obvious solution is a mobile phone. Even in the middle of the Channel you should be able to get an electronic lifeline.

A year ago there was only one sensible answer to the problem of connecting a mobile phone to a computer: The Nokia 2110. Today, there is a lot of competition among phones which have the capacity to connect you to your in stolen phones is building up.

Before the 2110, all mobile phone connections to computers were analogue. This was a bit likea dog walking on it's hind legs - the impressive thing was not that they could do it well, but that they could do it at all. The best stab at this was made by Compaq which produced the SpeedPaq modem for connection to Nokia and Motorola analogue phones. This and other analogue solutions provided a theoretical speed of 14,400 bits per second and a practical,

Computers are digital beasts and so interface very much

unreliable 1200 bps.

better to digital mobile phones of the GSM and PCN type. The connection is not through a modem but a data adaptor -the actual modem is built into the phone network. All the systems currently available use PCMCIA data cards which can plug straight into most notebook computers.

There are several systems on the market. Market leaders Motorola have a data adapter which works with the GSM version of the Flare and the 8200 phones. There are data cards from Motorola, Connexions and Mitsubishi, but the phones only support a 2400 bpstransmission rate. A new phone, the 8400, will be available shortly which supports 9600bps.

A second phone with the slow-speed blues is the Ericsson GH337. In all other respects this is an excellent phone, but existing phones need to be upgraded to handle data at 2400bps, and phones capable of 9600bps will not be available this year. However, the Ericsson is special in one particular way, it has excellent software which can be run on a PC to update and program numbers stored in the phone.

The newest system is from

Sony which uses the remarkable is that the Nokia card achieves CM-DX1000 phone. This has a better throughput. The Nokia a better throughput. The Nokia card works with the 2110 on the an amazing battery life of over Cellnet and Vodafone GSM 50-hours standby. The interface networks and with the Nokia card runs at 9600bps, so it sounds like the winning system, but there are two disadvantages. The first is price. The Sony card costs £649 and requires a £149-cable, and the second is that the Sony's 9600bps isn't as good as Nokia's. Both the Motorola and the Orange version) and the Sony cards use data compresdata card around £400. sion in the card (known as transparent compression), the

Nokia card uses non-trans-

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Orange on the Orange What was the only answer to the question "what phone should I buy if I want to use it with my computer is still the best answer. The phone will cost you around £180 (£149 for

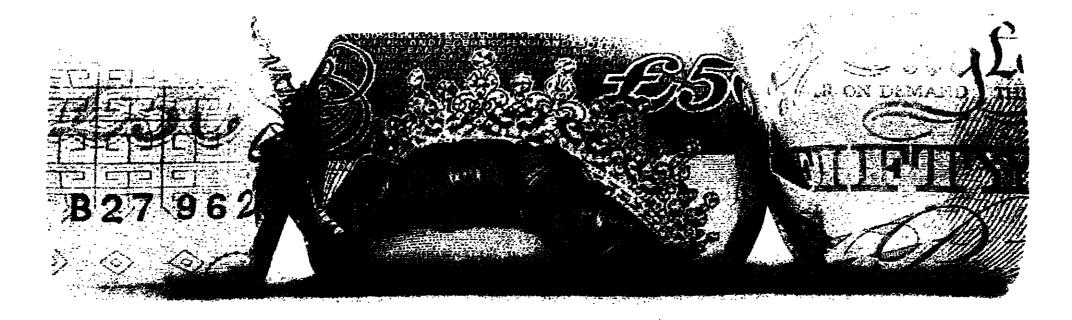
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"God Send Mobiles" was once the mildly frustrated mobile industry slogan for GSM (Global System for Mobile Communications), the pan-European digital cellular tele-

phone standard. Then, in 1992, the Single European Market had just opened and only three or four GSM networks had launched. The whimper with which GSM began across Europe caused great concern amongst opera-tors mainly as a result of non-existent or interim type-approved handsets. By mid-1994, the GSM market had started gathering momentum as handsets became more widely available. In order to drive the market, the GSM industry cry changed to "Good Sales and Marketing" in a bid to encourage operators to pay greater attention to their marketing methods. marketing methods.

Existing GSM operators and new competitors invested heavily in widening coverage and extending services and today, with over 10 million GSM users worldwide, the rate of subscriber growth is accel-erating faster than ever. Mobile Europe, a leading

trade journal, predicts the European GSM market alone will grow to over 80 million users by the year 2000. Key to this continuing exponential growth is the augmentation of GSM data communications capabilities, enabling standard measure customer satisfaction.

applications as well specific applications to slide off the desktop

book computer. With the rise and rise of the time spent at a customer mobile computing, sparked by the popularity of portable PCs and personal digital assistants. such as the Psion Series 3, the Hewlett Packard 200LX, Apple's Newton MessagePad and others, the way ahead was clear. It had to be mobile data. Moreover, this convergence of GSM cellular data and portable computer power had to be linked in a plug-and-play capacity without the need for a third black box that would turn the user into a die-hard gadget

juggler.
This key enabler has arrived "PC-card", a credit card-sized modem which slides into a slot in the side of the portable PC and connected by a short cable to the base of the GSM handset. These PC-cards (an abbreviation of the more cumbersome nomenclature PCMCIA (Personal Computer Memory Card International Association) are veritable portals to GSM data world, acting as conduits to a multiplicity of online services, email, fax and file transfer. PC-cards are now available from a variety of manufacturers for a wide range of phone brands. First to market last year was Nokia's cellular data card, but the market has opened up widely to several other competitors, including Communicate, a specialist UK vendor of small form factor modems. Communicate are active in the OEM market as well as selling directly, and are making a significant mark in the GSM data field with several unique product features. In a wide range of PCMCIA modems, not only does their 'GSM Plus' card enable cellular data transmission up to 9,600 bits per second, but it also doubles as a conventional land-line PSTN modem, operating at speeds up to 14,400 bits per second. This flexibility allows the user to exploit the fallback potential of

the PSTN where GSM data may not be available, without needing to swap modems.
GSM data is also starting to

invade the radio territory of industry sectors historically dominated by private mobile radio (PMR) and public access mobile engineers at Unisys, for example, now use GSM. Communicating from often remote locations to the company's operations department, Unisys have opted to use Mercury Communicationsi "DataMotion" package. "Mobile data is a natural evolution from our previous systems, providing added value which we will pass on to our customers' says Graeme Birch, network consultant for Unisys. "Initially, we were open to any form of mobile data technology that would give wide-ranging coverage and reliable operation. We decided to look more closely at GSM because it provided a level of functionality that data-only services cannot provide. The business pressure driving the use of DataMotion stems from the search for better communications between our operations desk and the engineers. Quality and capacity is critical in providing an efficient, cost-effective service to the customer" adds Birch.

Unisys has seen productivity benefits from DataMotion "From initial use, Unisys' field operatives have shown improvements in two key areas used to

The first was a 16 per cent The way ahead increase in the number of was clear, it had calls managed to be mobile

data

per day, and the other was a 3 per cent reduction in

site. These savings represent a large increase in an engineer's efficiency" says Birch, "Data-Motion was a one-stop-shop for products, services and consuliancy and although it is possible to buy the disparate products and services from individual companies. Mercury has brought these together in a single solution. We gain flexibility, easy management and a professionally operated part-

With DataMotion, the engineers dial into Unisys' Servis system, download their personal call box, go off-line and carry out any transaction necessary. When finished, the engineer dials back, automatically updating the Servis system and then moves to the next call. The DataMotion package consists of GSM mobile phone, a PCMCIA data communication card, and a laptop PC, allowing data transfer to and from the laptop via the digital mobile

Already established within Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Anstralia, Asia and now the US, GSM is fast becoming a global standard. Currently, there are some 69 countries operating GSM networks, each a signatory to the GSM Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), with extensive commercial "roaming" agreements in place, allowing the mobile user to communicate to and from different countries while receiving one bill from a single source. International roaming enables GSM users to use their digital phones while on the move outside the 'home'

Roaming is not a cheap facility and tariffs for GSM services outside the UK vary greatly. Nevertheless, in the business marketplace, the option to use GSM's extended data capabilities can mean the difference between success and



Apple Newton: keeping it all simple

Photograph: Kalpesh Lathigra

Pocket systems herald a change

STEVE HOMER

Sending and receiving data used to involve some pretty chunky equipment. Today most people associate mobile data with a portable computer, but there are smaller devices that do the job in even more interesting ways when connected to your mobile phone.

For example the recently relaunched £400 Newton MessagePad from Apple. This has a loyal following of users in specialist fields. One magazine distribution company uses it to check up on sales of its titles in shops. All the employee visiting the shop has to do is enter a few numbers into boxes and then tick the send box and, with a credit card-sized PCMCIA data card inserted in the side of the Newton, connected up to a GSM mobile phone, the data is sent to the head office computer in seconds.
What makes this type of

operation particularly impressive is the flexibility of the two technologies operating together. All I had to do was plug the pieces together, change one setting in the modern options box and away it went. No complicated set-up routine, no new software needed. The only slight problem was that the MessagePad would insist on removing the initial area code which had to be put back manually for dialling with a mobile phone. But Apple says it has a

work around for the problem. It is worth noting for all those Newton-sceptics out there that the handwriting recognition is much better, but it is still laborious entering long messages with the hand writing recognition system. Fortunately Apple has launched a separate plugin keyboard for the Newton aimed squarely at people writing e-mail and faxes, which will set

you back another £79. Other hand held devices can also be successfully used to send data. The ZR 5000 from Sharp costs about the same as a Newton. It is even smaller and has the advantage of a built in keyboard on which you can type, and a touch-sensitive screen on which you can write freehand but no character recognition. So with the Sharp you could type a fax and add in a handwritten diagram. Again the system uses a PCMCIA data card and GSM phone. The only problem here is that the card takes too much power from the ZR even with brand new batteries and so needs to be plugged into the mains. A little difficult if you are trying to send a fax from the 4.15 from

costs a whopping £109.99.
Finally I looked at the venerable Psion. While very popular among the cognoscenti, the Psion suffers from having gone its own way too early. While virtually every other hand-held

Paddington. There is an extra

battery pack available but that

device uses credit card sized PCMCIA standard add ons. Psion has its own format and so. to date, there are no selfcontained wireless fax modems available for it. A new release is a cable that will allow the Psion to plug into a Nokia GSM phone and send so called SMS messages to GSM phones.SMS messages appear on GSM telephone displays like a pager message. At present the Psion system only works with Orange and Vodafone and whatever messages are sent can only be sent on one network
— in other words you cannot

send messages from an Orange phone to a Vodafone phone. While for most Psion users this will render the product of little use, (do you know which service your friends' GSM phones are on?) there are certainly vertical business applications, such as service engineering companies that may find the Psion SMS link useful. It is early days for handheld data and it is very much a busi-ness rather than a consumer

market. But this is an area that is in revolution. In the US devices like Sony's General Magic hand-held unit allow ordinary consumers to easily collect and send e-mail, go electronic shopping and seek out information. It is a good bet that within ten years pocket data communications devices will be as common in the UK as mobile phones are today.



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future of mobile radios

PAUL QUIGLEY

Private mobile radio (PMR) is often regarded as the older sibling in the family of mobile communications technologies. Historically the preserve of the emergency services, heavy industry and transport companies, the key trend in the PMR sector, as is the case with the cellular market, is a steady migration from analogue to digital systems.

The main benefits to these

task-orientated, functional user groups in switching to digital are essentially based on cali-encryption and appli-cation flexibility. Public safety organisations, such as the police and the other emergency services, are being attracted to the security aspects of digital PMR callencryption, and utility companies such as water and gas suppliers see the flexibility of voice, data and public switched telephone network (PSTN) access as vital in a deregulated, consumer-orientated market.
Additionally, PMR's appeal

has always been the absence of high variable-usage costs. Once a PMR system is procured and installed for private operational use, the airtime is effectively free. "With cellular calls costs cannot be controlled, which is the great dis-advantage of cellular-type services in comparison to pri-vate mobile radio for large organisations. For users such as water companies, they want to be able to contact all

of their workforce individualof their workforce individual-ity, to be able to respond, to initiate messages, send work details and to give them secu-rity. Phones don't do that, generally, excluding GSM with data facilities," says John French of Bosch Telecom. "But it still doesn't have the capability of trunked PMR systems. There is a large capi-tal cost to start with, but the disadvantage of this is outweighed by advantages such as privacy on one's own radio frequencies, particularly with

the newer digital techniques."
However, there are exceptions to the PMR rule in the utilities sector. British Gas, for example, has recently undertaken a complete over-haul of their entire analogue radio PMR systems and have replaced them with a hybrid system using digital PMR, dedicated packet mobile data and cellular radio technology. Global Positioning Systems (GPS) are also being deployed with digital PMR. and is becoming widely used by transportation businesses who need to locate and route vehicles from remote comput-

"PMR data facilities are here already," says French. "Companies can use portable computers, printers or Psion handhelds in their vehicles and they can pass data over their PMR radio system, saving money on telephoning the

Despite the major developments being made in bringing the sector into the next

century, the traditional PMR stamping grounds of public safety are not immune to sub-stitution by other mobile technologies. In view of recent developments in cellular, it is perhaps not surprising that traditional PMR markets

are also being attacked by

GSM operators.

The Derbyshire Police Constabulary, for example, have been tempted away from digital PMR offerings, trying out GSM as a system upgrade/replacement that enables police officers to file crime-scene reports while still on patrol, relieving them of their duty to return to the station and process copious paperwork. The Derbyshire officers use stylus pen-based input devices to write their reports onto touch-sensitive screens of Apple Newton PDAs. "It could take up to an hour to type the information from a crime at the station," says Derbyshire Police Inspector Brian Payne. "All details can now be submitted in a matter of minutes."

Trans-European Trunked Radio (TETR), vaunted as the omni-purpose pan-European standard, is taking longer than anticipated to become a commercial reality for Europe's emergency service organisations. In the meantime, technologies such as GSM are being tested for public safety communications and may yet redefine the historical distinctions between the various mobile market

An emergency for the Communication breakdown

STEVE HOMER

The AA has what is almost certainly the most comprehensive private radio system in the UK and, possibly, in Europe. It is vital to the way it

The AA handles 4.6 million breakdowns each year. AA patrols have used two-way radio since World War Two, but in 1985 it decided it needed a more advanced system to keep up with the growing number of members. Poor reception and waiting for air space to receive or pass on details were major headaches for the patrols when using the old system.

So the AA invested in Mobile Data Terminals (MDT), a simple system for keeping patrol personnel and headquarters mutually

Today, each AA vehicle has its own car-radio-sized MDT. Incoming messages are displayed on a liquid crystal panel. Patrols on the road can also communicate with AA telephone operators via a key pad in the vehicle. MDT was designed for the

AA's increasing volume of breakdown work and to speed up the deployment process, which became slow and cumbersome under the previous voice radio system. At the same time, MDT has given the AA an opportunity to gather useful information on the performance of the vehicles it encounters.

The system logs the member's name, breakdown location, the fault with the vehicle and vehicle details such as registration, make, model



The AA's use of the new MDT system has led to a more efficient service

and colour. The information is passed from the AA patrol back to headquarters and is used for fault analysis. The AA uses over 100 fault and outcome codes for the patrol to punch in, which indicates the fault the patrol person found and the remedy actioned. This was simply not possible with a voice-radio system. The information collected allows the system to analyse which faults are occurring on which vehicles and feed them back to manu-

facturers for their action. Just

one small statistic from the database: the AA attends 17,500 cars with blown fuses each year. This information allows the AA to determine what patrols need training in. and how to stock up their vehi-

cles in terms of spare parts.

Since its introduction the system has been improved and patrol personnel can now communicate directly with other departments for information, such as technical help. However, this development has been overtaken by another modern marvel - the mobile

phone. Widely introduced by the AA only this year, mobile phones allow patrol personnel to keep in direct contact with headquarters so that essential calls can been confronted quickly. The good old voice-radio system has not been entirely

abandoned. In emergencies or for unusual requests the radio is still available, and with less voice traffic using the system it is working much better. MDT has not finished

evolving. "Development of the

MDT is continuing and in the future it will become a multifunctional unit capable of displaying greater amounts of information, including technical drawings and it will certainly be in full colour," says George Scott, manager of AA Operations Systems. Future generations of the MDT will become truly portable and have built-in-

processing power and even diagnostic functions to assist m roadside diagnosis of members' breakdown problems."

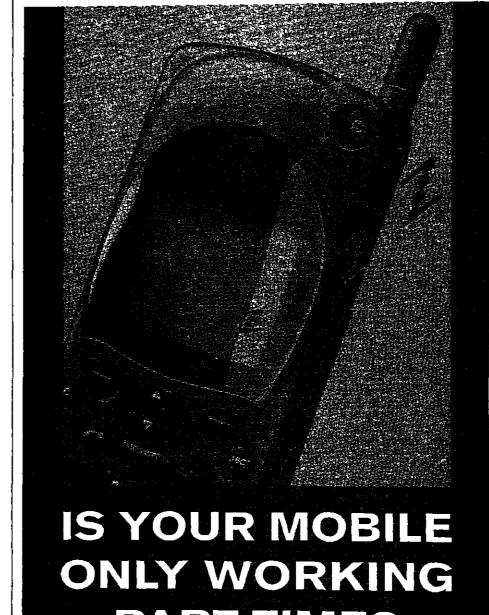
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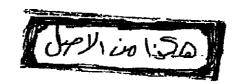
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Launch of new systems keeps pagers afloat

STEVE HOMER

Pagers have never really taken off in the UK. Despite efforts to make them sexy, they are still seen as a business tool, best suited to overworked doctors and plumbers

But pagers have a lot going for them. They are small, unobtrusive and cheap. They can take messages for you when you cannot be disturbed and have much better coverage than mobile phones.

For the business world, the ability io broadcast a message to a whole group of people in an instant can be really useful. So, all is not lost for the pager. Sales are holding up well and two developments are pushing the market along. The "calling party pays" pagers, aimed squarely at younger, more impoverished users, and improved alphanumeric pagers.

Pagers come in many different shapes and sizes and the services vary. At its most basic the numeric pager displays just numbers - usually the number for you to ring back. But with a bit of lateral thinking pager users, particularly teenagers, have created a whole message system. 1402 means "I love you" (Valentine's Day), 925 means "I'm at work", 121 means dinner, and 999 means its urgent. Add to that friends swapping private codes and the result is that the numeric pager can be quite eloquent.

And it is numeric pagers that have been at the heart of the calling party pays (CPP) system. Launched last year in the UK by Mercury and BT Mobile, with CPP the user just makes a one-off payment. The cost is

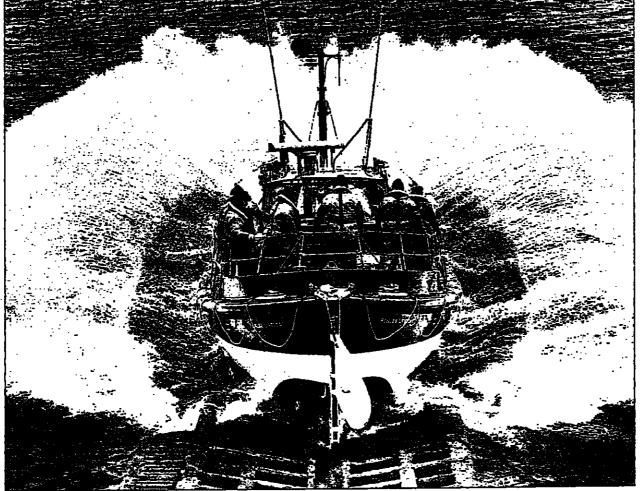
around £70 for the pager and from then on it's free. This is because when someone rings your pager number and is invited to tap in a message on a telephone keypad, they are paying for the call at around 30-40p per minute. This means they normally end up paying around 10p to send you a

Enough for the operators to make a profit. CPP could well be set for a second boost. Last month, BT launched what is believed to be the first alphanumeric CPP service in the world. With this you have to speak to a human operator who types in the message. The pagers cost around £110 and for the caller the service costs 55p per minute. The only disadvantage may be that friends stop sending each other messages once they discover the cost.

However the users are likely to be richer. While numeric pagers were aimed at the younger market, these new pagers are aimed at an older. more affluent customer. And just at the same time there are all sorts of jazzy. bright numeric pagers for the younger set and alphanumeric pagers are really beginning to carve an inter-

Typical of the top of the range is the new Philips pagers operated by Hutchison. They can store 99 personal messages With a seven line display even quite lengthy messages are easy to read with over 20 words of any message easily displayed.

But while alphanumeric pagers can be remarkably useful they are anything but the end of the road. One of the more innovative uses of pagers



Scramble: Lifeboat crew and Search and Rescue teams can be alerted on a 'shout' in seconds with a pager

is a receiver for more complex operations.

In the last five or six years all sorts of systems have been

use PC based packages to send messages to pagers. These messages are entered on the PC. as you would any ordinary developed to transmit data to pagers. Many companies now The recipients are selected

from a list and then the PC makes a telephone call to an automated pager "gateway". Here the pager company's computer interprets the message coming down the line

entirely as per normal. The only difference here is that there is no need to involve a human operator.

and sends the page or pages

This system has all sorts of

benefits. Messages can be sent to a single engineer and if he or she does not respond within a certain set time, the message can be automatically sent again. This simple solution addresses the pagers biggest problem, that you are never 100 per cent sure your message has got through, although pagers are much more sensitive than mobile phones and will receive messages in areas where

phones will not reach. The other way of using the system, is in broadcast mode. So you could select all the salesmen covering a certain part of the country and broadcast a message to them, be that to three people, 20 or 100. The message can go out in seconds and if, for example, there was an urgent problem, you could ask for anyone able to deal with it in a certain area to act.

Vodapage took this service one step further last month by launching a pager service where the pager itself can be linked into a PC so it can also be used as a personal organiser. With a massive memory, the pager can also be sent detailed background notes. In a rather neat twist, the sending party can even disable the alarm so if non-urgent background material is being sent, the recipient need not be disturbed.

But broadcast pager services have wider uses. Lifeboat crew and Search and Rescue teams can all be alerted on a "shout" in seconds, hospital employees can be alerted for a major incident with one preset operation, the possibilities are endless. But there are a host other commercial broadcast

Pagers can be used to keep abreast of the news, sports results and the stock market. Some services, such as Futures Pager, allow you to specify 2 number of stocks and if these move outside of preset limits, you are automatically sent news of the stock movement so you can decide to buy or sell.

and evolve. Benetton recently launched a very stylish pager made by Motorola aimed squarely at the young, trendy market. At almost the same time Vodapage launched a much less attractive pager but its special quality is that it can be used in hazardous areas by people such as oil rig users (ordinary pagers could set off explosion under certain circumstances if flammable gas

was present).

And although the mobile phone continues to go from strength to strength, pager technology still has a long way to go. In the US several companies have launched two-way pagers that not only allow the recipient to send messages. but because there is a return link, also allow the sender to know their message has got through. Then there are satellite-pager services that will eventually allow pager messages to be sent to the remotest parts of the world, and at last we are beginning to see

pan-European paging taking off. The humble pager may seem a bit ordinary next to all those flash mobile phones. But it is small, non-intrusive, easier to contact than a mobile phone and much cheaper. Apart from that it really does not have much going for it!

PAUL QUIGLEY

"Dear Santa, just a quick message to tell you how good I have been all year, and that I would really like a Pocahontas doll for Christmas. All my love. Gracie says the message on the display of your GSM mobile phone. Sounds strange? Maybe so. Yet with the marriage of paging and cellular telephony, consummated with the arrival of GSM's Short Message Service, (SMS), a built-in paging-type add-on to the digital cellular telephone. such messages are now possible without the need to even finish a voice call. For the GSM and PCN user, SMS removes the need for a separate pager.

If Santa is busy, his mobile can take the letter

are displayed on the LCD screen display of the GSM phone. Current SMS messages have a limit to the number of characters that can be sent and received in any one message, yet at a maximum of 160 numbers and letters, there is nothing to stop longer SMS transfers being spread over multiple messages. The ficti-tious Christmas letter to Santa, for example, is exactly 160 characters in length and demonstrates that the days of half-formed, truncated and obscure paging text messages are truly a thing of the past.

However, SMS is a valueadded feature of GSM rather than a direct replacement for paging. The market for pagingonly products and services is unlikely to be immediately threatened by SMS as there is always the cost and size advantage of pocket pagers over full-blown GSM cellular subscription.

The appeal of SMS lies in its ability to work in parallel and independently of voice calls. SMS messages can be composed on the GSM terminal's keypad directly and sent to other GSM subscribers. either individually or broadcast

to multiple recipients. Additionally, Nokia have launched a software product called CellularWare, a Microsoft Windows application, which enables users to access their Nokia GSM phone via Windows' Telephony Application Programming Interface (TAPI) and an RS232 serial cable interface so that all the functions of the GSM handset are available from the computer keyboard. SMS messages can then be composed in the same way as

sending e-mail or fax docu-

ments. The potential for new

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resellers and "contentproviders" to enter the SMS market, offering bespoke information broadcast services such as stock prices, traffic, weather and news services is great.

Cellnet are set to launch their SMS service over GSM at the annual TMA show in Brighton next week. The BT-Securicor cellular operator are targeting their SMS offering at both the corporate market with local area network (LAN) integration as well as standalone PC-modern links for the Small-Medium-sized enterprises (SME) and SoHo (Small

office/home office) markets. Cellnet also see the potential for SMS to be used to alert GSM mobile phone users within a corporation of incoming e-mail messages on the company LAN. Additionally, the cost-effectiveness of dial-up access from the desktop makes SMS an attractive option over conventional voice

messaging or "calling party pays" (CPP) paging messages. Nevertheless, advances in paging technologies are making life tough for current SMS, particularly in the area of CPP methods, where there are no

pager subscription tariffs for the user. The trade-off depends on who is doing the calling and who is receiving. Next generation paging systems will offer "twoway" messaging capabilities.

Already in France, for example, three new digital European Radio Messaging System (ERMES) networks have been launched which have the ability to immediately respond to page messages. In the US, narrowband personal communications services operator SkyTel is already making great strides in the marketplace with two-way, boasting "can

your pager do that?" With such two way capabilities, pager users can acknowledge receipt of messages by pressing a button. SMS, on the other hand still requires the GSM phone user to either initiate a voice call to acknowledge the message or compose a separate SMS return message. The difference is SMS is available today in the UK and most of the other commercial GSM and PCN networks, whereas ERMES systems have yet to be launched. In a bid to demystify the often "user-unfriendly nature of GSM jargon, Vodafone has even called their SMS service "TeleNote". Santa will be receiving many more



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MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS



High-flying communication

Over the past few years airlines have been falling over them-selves to install state-of-the-art communications facilities in their aircraft for the use of assengers. They believe that busy executives don't want to be relaxing at 30,000ft when they could be in touch with the office, phoning clients, sending faxes or studying the state of the markets on a screen installed in

the seat in front. However, a study conductd by the International Air Transort Association (IATA) earlier this year showed that this may not be the case, and that nearly 50 per cent of business travellers welcome a chance to get away from it all and perhaps watch the videos they do not have time to see at home.

The Corporate Air Travel Survey showed that 49.4 per cent of passengers believed that airlines would do better to invest in better in-flight entertainment systems than on-board communications.

Nevertheless, the airlines are continuing to pour money sytems, seeing them as a valuAnne Shaw explains how to stay in touch even when you are flying at 30,000ft

able marketing tool, particularly for attracting passengers at the top of the fares range.

BT, for example, is devel-oping an innovative range of data services which will reach airline passengers via a scat-arm or seat-back video screen, selecting services from an icondriven menu. Meanwhile, a mercial trial is going ahead to supply passengers on selected flights into Sydney with Reuters near real-time business, current affairs and soorts headlines.

British Airways is spending up to £80m on the world's most advanced in-flight entertainment and information system for its long haul aircraft, including an interactive video screen, control panel, telephone and chargecard swipe linked by satellite to main-frame databases on the ground.

Telephones have been available on board aircraft since the end of the Eighties and operate on both terrestrial and satellite systems. The advantage of satel-lite services is that calls can be made regardless of the aircraft's location in the world and can also be made air-to-air.

Equipment is usually bulkhead-mounted but may be incorporated in the seat arms of business and first-class cabins. For security reasons, you. cannot phone a passenger on a plane from the ground, although some services offer inflight paging so that passengers can return calls immediately. Where permitted by the airline. ngers are also able to send and receive computer files.

The major player in the arena is Skyphone, a consortium formed by BT, Singapore Telecom and Telenor International - formerly Norwegian Telecom - which was set up in 1989 to deliver one-stop digital air-to-ground voice, data, fax and entertainment services to

passengers on commercial flights using satellite technology. Skyphone has 55 per cent of the world market for air-to-ground voice calls. Customers include Singapore Airlines - the first Skyphone user in 1989 - British

Atlantic, Emirates, Air India, Lauda Air, Austrian Airlines. Air China, KAL and Asiana. Skyphone delivers a global service from Immarsat satellites, and has just spent \$32m on a second ground-earth station Singapore, to handle voice and interactive services for passen gers flying in the Australasia and Asia-Pacific region.

Airways, Lufthansa, Virgin

Chris Earnshaw, managing director of networks and systems at BT said: "Asia Pacific" is a crucial and, as yet, largely untapped sunrise market for the airborne communications business and is one into which we intend to make decisive inroads. We estimate conservatively that onboard call revenues could reach as much as AUS\$2bn

within the next five years." Until recently, charging has posed a problem for in-flight calls. A call generally costs a passenger about \$8-\$10 per minute, but the mark-up on what Skyphone charges the airline is at the airline's discretion. Hitherto calls have been charged to the passenger's credit card, but two months ago Skyphone launched a prepaid telephone card which will start commercial trials with airlines early next year.

Robin Lawrence, passenger-

The prepaid card will give Skyphone tremendous leverage in developing passenger tele-phony markets where the credit

card culture is minimal." The Skyphone service also allows faxes to be sent and a machine is often provided onboard by the airline. It is also technologically possible to send a fax from a passenger's own PC, but many airlines have introduced restrictions on the use of laptops in-flight, because it may interfere with the pilot's control systems. Skyphone launched the world's first commercial passenger air-toground fax in 1993 on Singapore Airlines. The facility it uses at present is twice the speed of that former service.

A spokesman for BT's aeronautical division said: "Doubling the transmission speed is a major network breakthrough. The 2.4 kbit/s rate was relatively slow for airborne fax and data services. The industry as a whole is now looking to stan-dardise at the faster and more price-efficient 4.8 kbit/s rate."

Privacy is ensured on voice, fax and data calls with a new encryption service which will deliver digitally encoded calls over the network. During a secure-voice call the analogue voice signal is encoded to a digital signal operating a 2.4kbit/s with full call back-up at 1.23kbit/s. It is then transferred through a V.22bis modem and passed across the satellite link. At the receiving end it is decoded by a similarspeed modem and translated back into speech. The moderns can either be built into the hard-

Surfing the international airways

ANDREW ORLOWSKI

Just as nature abbors a vacuum, so the travel industry is poised to fill one of the most striking information gaps. There is currently very little to buy on the Internet for the wired-up business, when one considers the trillions of bytes of data which pass through the airlines' computer-reservation systems each day. These vast databases -called CRSs - are the engine rooms of the travel industry: hire and hotel accommodation. Change is imminent, but not before the threat posed by

hackers has been eradicated. We wouldn't contemplate doing business over the Internet until security has been added," says Colin Makin, Director of Consumer Futures for Thomas Cook. "However, we estimate that's less than six months away." The retailer divested itself of its business travel interests to American Express last year and, under the terms of the deal, must concentrate its online initiatives to the small business sector. Its forthcoming service will provide access to two of the five major CRSs; the dial-up applications have been beta-tested and are ready to run, according to Mr Makin.

It won't be seen on the Internet, but instead will use the subscriber-only commercial networks: CompuServe, Microsoft Network and, in the US, America Online, Eager to add content for the relaunch of its network service. Microsoft. has announced a partnership, "United Connection", with United Airlines which links to the Apollo database, part of the Galileo CRS in which British Airways has a stake. Although CompuServe currently carries the successful "Easy Sabre" system. United Connection and Thomas Cook both promise more graphical software, for users more accustomed to the colourful pages of the World Wide Web.

Closer to home, PhoneLink's information service has announced its own ambitious travel plans. The company currently markets Tel-Me, an umbrella for a range of software services for PC or Macintosh computers, all sharing a common very simple user interface including news, financial information and domestic road and rail queries. From next year, a new module will be able to access the Worldspan computerreservations system directly. The database holds flight information from 350 participating airlines and 26,000 hotels.

Mindful of the expense incurred by the on-line commercial services, PhoneLink's Roger Macdonald describes his company's philos-ophy as "hardly on-line". "You will get an answer back more or less instantaneously and not have to spend a lot of time finding out where something is going," he says. He cites the often-quoted statistic that a

simple booking takes on average 19 minutes and four telephone calls to complete. On a commercial network service. he says, "that's like sitting in a taxi with the meter running." The company has so far lived up to the promise of completing most queries within one phone unit. The software is disarmingly fast. Current queries are completed within the time it takes to complete the logging-on sequence to a typical dial-

up Internet provider. encroaching on travel agent territory, allowing customers to access their CRS inventories directly. "It's very softly-softly." observes Airline Business deputy editor Jackie Gallacher. The on-line systems appeal most to the smaller airlines, as it allows them to cut out the booking fee payable to the CRS owners." Although PhoneLink's service will remove the need for prebooking query handling by agents, the reservations are passed directly to the chain for processing. "The travel agent receives a definite query, and tickets it," says Roger Macdonald, "It's emphatically not our intention to bypass the agents: they'll continue to get

their commission. The answer for travel agents may well be to follow the lead of specialist business travel agency Seaforth. Although it lets customers access the CRS databases directly, its on-line booking service contains builtin intelligence which can only come from experienced agents

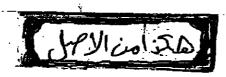
This week Seaforth announce a new Windows 95 product to be launched in the spring. Seaforth product manager Gary Hance explains: The niche market for the specialist travel agent will contract as it's squeezed by the major players. We had to offer something else." The Travel Window software is currently bosted on the London-based Minerva bulletin board, and provides access to the Galileo Reservation System. Although a far cry from the glitzy pages promised for the commercial networks, the product's focus on management tools gives Travel Window some unique advantages. For example, auditing facilities allow a finance director to keep tabs on his staff's travelling date, destination or ticket price. This kind of pre-and-post travel data is invaluable, claims Hance, for negotiating booking deals with airlines. "It's a proactive tool," he says, "You don't have to wait three months to analyse who's gone where," Unusually, the Windows

product will be distributed free, with no license costs and, as at present, no on-line charges – an indication of how determined; the travel agents are to maintain their hard-won commissions. "They're so switched on," enthuses Hance on his online customers. "And they know they're own requirements better than the travel agents do."









THINKERS OF THE NINETIES

After the end of history, what next?



The soundbite was simple but, says Bryan Appleyard, there is more to this man than right-wing triumphalism

the end of the Cold War in 1989 was also the end of the defining strug-gle of the 20th century - the confrontation between democracy and totalitarianisms of the right and left. Fascism had been militarily defeated in 1945 and, 44 years later, communism was economically, politically and culturally overwhelmed.

On the one hand democracy had prevailed over the irrational, pre-modern racial and nationalist suprematicism that was fascism. On the other it had defeated in communism a rational, modernist ideology, a quasi-scientific approach to the organisation of society. Liberal democracy found itself, startled and uncertain, in the position of total victor.

But what did this mean? Was liberal democracy right or simply more effective? And was its victory permanent or merely temporary? In 1989 there appeared one extraordinary answer to these questions. We had reached the end of history.

Francis Fukuyama published his short essay "The End of History?" in the conservative Washington journal National Interest. Fukuyama was an obscure "policy wonk" associated with the Rand Corporation and the State Department. But almost at once he became one of the most debated thinkers in the world. Two years later he published a book-length version of the argument called The End of History and the Last Man. And this year he broadened his approach and signifi-cantly modified his argument with his book Trust: the Social Virtues and the Creation of Prosperity. He is now widely accepted as the most influential and certainly the most famous commentator on global political and economic conditions.

The huge impact of the original essay can, initially at least, be ascribed to the sensational title and the superb timing. The title gave an instant soundbite debating point and the timing meant that here was a philosophical message that was right on the nose of the nightly news. The Berlin Wall had once looked eternal, its destruction did indeed look like the end of history.

But there was more to it than that. For Fukuyama was not just topical, he was also good - good enough to have defined the central macro-political debates of the 1990s.

The intellectual starting point of his End of History argument was his revaluation of the philosophers Hegel and Nietzsche. Both had been partly discredited by their association with totalitarianism. Hegel was said to be the forerunner of communism and Nietzsche of fascism. As a result, certain vital elements of their thought had been effectively dismissed

from respectable debate. Fukuyama resurrected the Hegelian view that there is a direction to history. Communism had abused this idea by inventing a his-torical direction which, though Hegelian, was palpably not true. But Fukuyama argued that scientific knowledge, because it could not be lost, only accumulated, had introduced a definite direction, a movement towards ever higher technological capability. This movement has led, he argues, inexorably towards capitalism and liberal democracy. It was, for example, American micro-electronics that threatened to render obsolete the entire Soviet arsenal and thereby accelerated the fall

From Nietzsche came the idea of human aspiration as the pursuit of recognition. This was in contrast to the pursuit of survival and economic self-interest that had dominated Western thought since Hobbes and Locke. The First Man - a mythical figure at the beginning of the historical process - was not primarily seeking wealth, he was seeking affirmation of his identity and worth. Whereas the economic First Man will always compromise in the name of survival, the Nietzschean First Man will press forward towards recognition, driving the Hegelian process.

Liberal democracy encompasses this drive and provides the climax of the historical process. Once communism had fallen, there was no competing source of legitimacy left in the world. Clearly history would go on in that ancient struggles had to be played out - as in former Yugoslavia - but history, in the sense of a conflict between big ideas, was over. Fukuyama was attacked by many as being

little more than a State Department propa-gandist, providing intellectual respectability for Republican and Tory triumphalism. But in his book-length version of the argument, it became clear that his message was not crudely optimistic. He believed there were significant human problems with the ending of history. Once the long struggle for recognition had ended, or, at least, been defused, what was there left to do? Would the Last Man be little more than a passive consumer, devoid of spiritual depth? Would he, as Nietzsche put it, be a "man with no chest"?

These doubts made the whole argument more convincing. The simple spectacle of the liberal democracies standing triumphantly at the end of history had conflicted with the

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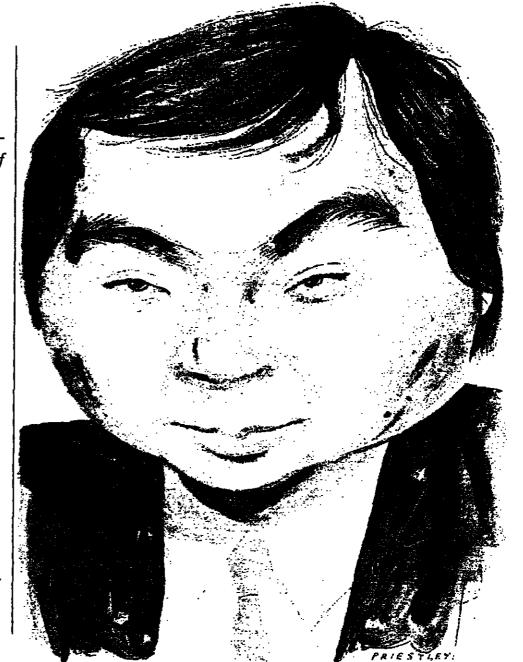
There is no other source of legitimacy in the modern world than liberal democracu?

CAREER: Francis Fukuyama was born in 1953 in Manhattan of Japanese parents. He studied classics and then comparative literature at Yale. He studied in Pans under Roland Barthes and Jacques Demida and then went to Harvard, where he specialised in Middle Eastern and Soviet politics. He worked for the Rand Corporation in California and then, for two years, was on the White House staff under Ronald Reagan. He has been deputy director of the State Department's planning staff. He has since returned to the Rand

WORK: His essay "The End of History?" appeared in 1989 and was followed by the book The End of History and the Last Man in 1991. Trust: the Social Virtues and the Creation of Prosperity was published this year.

LIFE: He is married and has a daughter.

CRITICS: His work has been attacked as American propaganda, a triumphalist celebration of victory in the Cold War. The End of History theory was dismissed by many as naive and Trust, his most recent book, as vague and contradictory. Michael Ignateff damned Fukuyama's bland, long-winded style as being "like a fat man trying to get a glimpse of his



West's own view of itself. Uncertain and riven with internal conflicts, the victorious nations did not, in 1989, necessarily feel victorious. To point out that the end of history might well be marked by a spiritual vacuum made human sense; it seemed to be observably true.

But the problem with the argument was that it tended to present the world as being relentlessy smoothed out into one featureless liberal democratic plain. Certainly one could say that this ideal had triumphed in the sense that it was globally perceived as the only possible form of political legitimacy. And certainly one could hope that the pattern of the last 200 years would continue no two liberal democracies have ever gone to war. But there seemed to be huge local variations in what precisely the ideal meant and how effective it was in application. It made nations richer, but it made some richer than others. And the social costs of that wealth also seemed to vary enormously from peaceful, low-crime Japan to violent, high-crime America.

In Thust, Fukuyama addressed these cultural variations. Success in the operation of capitalism could best be achieved by nations with high cultural assets, the most important of which was trust. An ability to extend trust throughout a society is essential for the building of the large corporate units of modern capitalism. America, Japan and Germany have high levels of trust; France, Italy and China low levels.

The importance of this argument is that it distances Fukuyama from straightforward free market conservatives. The free market, he accepts, is essential but only accounts for about 80 per cent of the story. The remaining 20 per cent is cultural, and trust lies at the centre of this cultural requirement. This new argument means that Fukuyama cannot simply be dismissed as a hard conservative triumphalist or as a crude deterministic propagandist for liberal democracy. He sees that, even if the broad systemic arguments are over, there are still huge variations and tensions to be understood.

But the peculiarity of Fukuyama as a thinker is that precise agreement or disagreement with his argument is not really the point. His long, baggy and blandly written books are more like environments or databases than conventional, linear expositions. In these mountains of analysis, local insights might prove to be more significant or persuasive than the general argument.

So, for example, one of the most important aspects of Trust is the way it detonates the myth that the Asian economic boom is based upon a mass of culturally homogenous nations. In fact, he shows that Asian states vary as much or more than Western. China is a chaotic, family-centred society, Japan is a disciplined, group-centred society. Korea lies somewhere between the two. And so on.

This may seem a simple and, to anybody who has visited the countries, obvious point. But it is one that is repeatedly missed in the crude arena of public debate. Fukuyama's gift is to see it, explain it and make it stick in the mind of the reader. Even his bland, infuriational observations. ingly characterless prose works to give an impression of quiet authority. Information is being imparted rather than a thesis advanced.

Fukuyama's importance lies, therefore, as much in his role as a kind of massively informed footnoter and inspirer of public debate as in his role as a pure thinker. In the latter role his ideas function as hugely ambitious suggestions or possibilities rather than as hard, polemical positions.

The most telling criticism of his work is that it is too neat, too bloodless. It is a vast synthesis of data rather than experience. When he writes of China, for example, you are given a cerebral understanding of the place, but not the smell. He makes perfect conference fodder. On the other hand, the highest praise is that he, more than anybody else, has defined the big macro-political questions of the day: where are we going, how did we get here and how did we, of all people, win?

Next week: Samuel Huntington.

Illustration: Chris Priestley

Diary

RUTH DUDLEY EDWARDS

Last week I had a call from an Orange friend who out of curiosity had attended in Belfast the "Spirit of Dumcree" meeting, an event organised by the reddest of redneck (orangest of orangeneck?) elements within the Order. Their purpose was stoutly to oppose any attempts at modernising, compromising, reassuring Catholics or doing anything else that might have raised an eyebrow in the 17th century. My friend became upset when one doughty citizen – to widespread applause - began his speech with: "I'm a sectarian bigot and proud of it." Is it too late to revive Alf Garnett, equip him with sash and bowler and resite his sitcom in Portadown? moment the printers had omitted the



The spirit of Alf lives in Portadown

Though I greatly enjoy my friend Val McDermid's private eye series, as soon as she told me the subject matter of her new book, The Mermaids Singing, I assured her that nothing would persuade me to read it, I take no pleasure from being terrified. However, affection made me weaken and acquire the book and last Monday I addressed myself to it gingerly and was gripped by page two. Four hours later I was on the last page and had turned into a quivering wreck; twice I had failed to respond to the doorbell lest I be confronted by a psychopathic torturer. I read the last sentence with some bewilderment and rang Val in order tactfully to ascertain if by any chance a page had been left

off the end. Through a red haze, she told me that only that afternoon she had discovered that in an absent-minded



last five pages; the entire print run

then pulped. "Beats your trouble,"

would now have to be retrieved from

bookshops, wholesalers and ships and

she said, apropos two pages in my last book having been transposed so that

all copies had to be returned to base for the pages to be cut out and

restuck. Then we spoke of our friend

Chaz Brenchley, whose book had been published without his substantial

proof corrections being incorporated.

"T've never heard of this kind of

thing happening before," snarled Val.

Seems sinister. Why all of a sudden?

And only to us mates?" "Because

Committee?" I proffered. "Perhaps

about? Romantic novelists, perhaps?"

we're all on the Crime Writers'

there are enemies of the genre

Those responsible should be warned. I murder my people pretty humanely, but Chaz's victims have a

horrid time and these days, Val's die

meeting in Euston Square to discuss

A socialist mole reported on a

25 years of radical journalism, at

which the 300 strong audience was addressed by inter alia Channel 4's

"Minister Farrakhan" and Hilary

Wainwright, whom the mole described

Wainwright told the audience sadly of

how hard and financially unprofitable

as the non-conformist La Passionara

Darcus Howe, who spoke

reverentially of the merits of

of English left-wing politics.

so that whole passages of dialogue

made little sense.

who was forced to subsidise his principled journalism by writing travel articles; recently he had had to waste his time travelling first class to Japan.
Alas, the materialism of the Eighties appears to have left its mark on the brotherhood, for her tragic tale elicited the heckle, "I'll do it," and the audience dissolved in laughter.

were the lives of freelance left-wing

journalists. She cited one unfortunate

On Wednesday, with another journalist, I was on an after midnight radio programme with three MPs to discuss an alternative Queen's Speech The Conservative Alan Duncan has

argued forcefully in print for decriminalising drugs, but as he is now a PPS he can no longer dissent from party policy and had to leave me to argue the case alone: he had been, as the presenter, Vincent Hanna, put it, "Claresborted". This useful new yearb means that if you want to avoid the sack you may doggedly have to refuse to state the views everyone knows you have. As Tony Walton explains: Clare Short

Had to be taught In the belly of the whale



Clareshorted, but still alive

At dinner on Friday night I asked Micheal O'Siadhail how a full-time poet ensured he had something to write about. "I'm gregarious," he said. "And I draw a lot of inspiration from people I meet on my poetry reading tours here, in Ireland and America." I imagine you all. Shall we go elfish?

looked at him dubiously, imagining the sameness of the audiences at universities and cultural centres. "Who's next?" I asked, "On Monday," he said happily, "I'm reading at Broadmoor in the morning and Eton in the evening."

in a fit of petulance, the US blocked the appointment of Ruud Lubbers as secretary-general of Nato, so naturally France has savaged the other declared candidate, Uffe Ellemann-Jensen. Bishop PC Rodger comments wisely:

When members of Nato get stuffy It's easily misunderstood Why the French become huffy with

And Americans rude about Ruud.

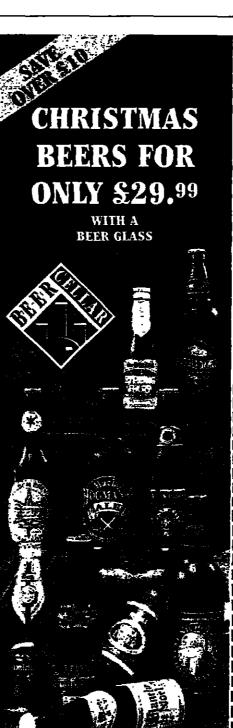
And David Shields has composed a clerihew for viewers of The Final Cut: Each Sunday night, John Major is glued to the box, I'll wager, in his eagerness to work at emulating Francis Urquhart.

"Who wrote that?" asked Andrew Boyd about this dactyl concerning the admission of the first consignment of girls to an Ivy League campus: Co-educational

Extracurricular Heterosexual Fun is in store.

"If you lift the baying pack of correspondents that you have now mustered on to the scent, they will surely run it to earth and maybe even kill." Please do. And while you're at it, I want advice on how properly to describe the working readers of the column: "hounds" seems less than respectful.

Ace contributor Una O'Donoghue some weeks ago suggested "clves" and some of you have picked up the theme in correspondence - but she became worried when she looked it up and found all sorts of dwarfish and malignant connotations. However Brewer's Dictionary of Phrase and Fable says the malignant kind of imp is passé and has given way "to those airy creatures that dance on the grass in the full moon, have fair golden hair,



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Gordon Brown's early Christmas

Everyone loves tax cuis. Labour forgot that in 1992 and, as result, lost the general election. Gordon Brown will not before a prudent chancellor could make Mr Brown's tax-cutting dream a reality. make the same mistake again. As he explains opposite, Labour plans not to raise taxes but to cut the lowest rate from 20p in the pound to 15p or even 10p. There are two results: most people would get the same tax cut, but the lowest paid would feel the most benefit, so providing a fresh incentive for those on the dole to accept low-paid work.

In political terms, this is a pold move from the Shadow Chancellor. He achieves, at a stroke, a number of goals. Mr Brown has stolen the Tories' tax-cutting clothes, while at the same time making a gesture to Labour concerns of cutting unemployment and creating a fairer tax system. It will now be more difficult for the Tories to label Labour the tax-raising party. And, into the bargain, the policy also allows Mr Brown to recite the Nineties shibboleth of reducing welfare

But is it a sound policy? Can we afford it? Because Mr Brown spells out his long-term hopes rather than his immediate promises, he cannot fairly be accused of profligacy. But it would cost perhaps £6bn to cut the lowest rate to 10p. This is even higher that the £4-5bn that the Chancellor apparently wants to give away in his last-fling Budget. The markets think that figure is too high.

It also hard to square Mr Brown's ambitions with Labour's belief that state education and the NHS are underfunded and that the Government should encourage investment rather than consumption. All these problems cost money that must be found somewhere, probably from taxa-

That said, his proposal would help some people out of the welfare poverty trap. It is ridiculous that those on low earnings are so heavily taxed that it is hardly worth their while working. Two-thirds of jobs offered to the unemployed pay less than £7,000 a year: the more of that they can keep, the more they will opt for employment over the dole.

There are, however, more effective ways to lift people out of the unemploy-ment trap. Generous in-work benefits are more efficient than general tax cuts, which also throw money at the rich (although Mr Brown seems to hint that their tax gain might be clawed back). But extra welfare spending is off the agenda: Mr Brown knows it is a vote loser. So, largely for populist reasons, he has avoided the most efficient and cheapest option for getting people off the dole.

In short, Labour has spotted a political opportunity and developed an economic policy which, though too expensive to be fully implemented now, could prove popular and do something to bring more people into the jobs market. An expansion of the labour pool would also help to reduce the risk of wage inflation if the economy boomed.

But there is a whiff of political shorttermism about Mr Brown's package. The danger is that Labour, fearful of being outflanked by a desperate government, could be as unrealistic in its ambition to reduce taxes as it traditionally has been about increasing state spending. The Shadow Chancellor must keep his feet firmly on the ground.

No absolution for war crimes

The signing of a peace agreement by the warring parties in Bosnia will be welcomed with a sigh of relief across Europe. But a peace deal is only the first step. Building and keeping the peace will require careful navigating through a mire of passionate recriminations. One of the most difficult questions is what to do with those who committed the most vicious and brutal crimes of the war.

More than 50 men have been indicted on war crimes charges by the UN tribunal in the Hague. Only one is in custody. Two of them, the Bosnian Serb leader, Radovan Karadzic, and the military commander, General Ratko Mladic, have been charged with genocide and crimes against humanity for the massacre of up to 6,000 Muslims near Srebrenica. A Bosnian Croat general Tihomir Blaskic, has also been indicted for killing Muslims, but Croatia's President Franjo Tudjman has given him a senior position and a safe

Faced with the same problem after the Second World War, the Allies prosecuted Nazi war criminals at the Nuremberg trials, which began exactly 50 years ago today. But parallels between these events and the situation in former Yugoslavia are limited. After the Second World War, the German and Japanese regimes were overthrown and rendered incapable of further resistance. The victors could - and did - dispense their own

Bosnia is different. No one side is able

to dictate the terms of peace. Indeed, the pursuit of war criminals could make it harder to end the war: if those responsible for genocidal slaughter fear incarceration or worse, they may be less willing to settle the conflict.

But important principles are at stake ist as they were at Nuremburg. If the nev Bosnia is to survive, it must, from the start, recognise publicly the horrors that have taken place. It cannot simply turn a blind eye to the deaths of hundreds of people who were murdered in cold blood.

Malcolm Rifkind and the US peace negotiators must stick to their commitment that peace should not be made at the cost of letting war criminals go free. Whatever the nature of the accord struck, it must not include an amnesty for those guilty of the worst war crimes in Europe since the fall of Nazism.

Such a policy need not stand in the way of peace. So far, the indictment of Mr Karadzic and General Miadic has not held up proceedings in Ohio. In fact, it is unlikely that the accused will stand trial in the near future: they are safely hidden away on friendly territory. Only pressure from the major powers will convince Croatia and Serbia to hand them

Justice will come only slowly for those who committed war crimes. But as survivors of the Holocaust have demonstrated, the struggle to achieve it must go on. This is the least that the peacemakers owe to those who died so savagely.

ANOTHER VIEW Kevin Watkins

Whose property is life?

Where is it going to stop? Last week, the US government quietly patented the DNA of a man living in the remote north of Papua New Guinea. Today, the European Patent Office decides on whether to confer on Harvard University intellectual property rights in a genetically manipulated mouse. Slowly, unobtrus-ively, behind a dense fog of technical arguments, the laws of genetic life are being

revolutionised. The rise of the biotechnology industry over the past two decades has provided the impetus behind the change. Powerful pharmaceutical and agro-chemical companies have argued that without intellectual property protection they have no incentive to invest in genetic modifications that could save lives and enhance farming productivity. Through their influence over Western governments in the last GATT round of trade talks, these companies have created a globally enforceable intellectual property code. They are now working on overturning national legislation which prohibits the extension of

that code to genetic materials, like DNA. For these multi-billion dollar corporations the stakes are high. The world market in bio-tech products will be worth \$50bn by the end of the century. Intellectual property is fast replacing capital and

production as the key to top profits. Few people deny the importance of such research to combat genetic disease. The DNA in the Papua New Guinea cells may confer immunity to carriers of the virus that causes leukaemia - hence its

vast commercial potential. Genetic property rights, in effect, pro-vide their owners with a monopoly for up to 10 years. But what happens if corporate interests dictate that such materials be withheld from the market? Or be used to maximise profits rather than alleviate suf-fering? Alexander Fleming opposed the patenting of penicillin on precisely these grounds. And, more generally, do we really need faster-growing pigs and cows that provide five times more milk on Western farms which, with taxpayers'

subsidies, already overproduce? There is also the question of legitimacy. More than 90 per cent of the germ plasm used to develop high-yielding seeds in Western laboratories derive from seeds developed over centuries by peasants in the Third World. Unlike "gene-hunting" transnational companies, these peasants will be unable, under the new laws, to claim patent rights for their discoveries.

Ultimately, what is at stake is a fundamental question about human rights and ethical values. Should life be regarded as the property of all? Or can it be commercialised and commoditised by unaccount-able private interests and then subjected to the arithmetic of the marketplace? It is one of the greatest moral questions facing us. It cannot be left to lawyers and corporate executives to decide.

Kevin Watkins is senior policy adviser for



• LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •

Dual entry for universities

From Mr Peter Davies

Sir: Regarding your article "Uni-versities devise new entry system" (17 November), they need to. Not only are the majority of A-level predictions wrong, but admissions tutors are forced to play an absurd essing game of precisely matching target figures, with financial penalties for errors in either direction, on the basis of teachers' predictions. Moreover, every year some small percentage of students arrive at university without quite knowing why they are there, or whether they are reading the correct subject, because they have conformed to either parents' or teachers' expectations

However, the proposed new system seems to combine the worst features of both normal entry and clearing. The first Leeds phase will still be based on guesswork and presumably this will account for the majority of From Mr Neil King results are known will closely resemble the present clearing

system. A better system might be to take advantage of the modular and semester systems which seem to have been imposed on the majority of universities and to have two entries each year. It could well be beneficial to students if there had to be at least a six-month gap between leaving school and entering university. This might allow them to reflect on their choices and make better decisions. Entry could be timed for semester I or semester II, with two periods of graduation each year. As modular courses are intended to stand alone and be completed within a semester, and there are currently two examin-

graduation ceremonies, it would take relatively little reorganis-

ation to implement such a system. Departments would be able to make their offers on the basis of known results to students who had the chance to decide what they wished to read. University administrators would be able to spread their work-load over a longer period, and graduates would be released on to the labour market in two batches. A dual entry period would appear to offer advantages to students, departments, admissions tutors, university administrators and the community at large.

Yours sincerely, PETER DAVIES Department of Psychology University of Leeds 17 November

places, the second phase after the Sir. A-level grade predictions are currently made up to a year before students take the examinations, and require that teachers choose from seven possible grades. Anyone who works with sixth-formers knows how volatile the performances of this age group can be.

It is a remarkable tribute to the judgement of teachers: not, as Tony Higgins of the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS) reportedly says (in your article of 17 November). that 65 per cent of predictions are wrong, but that 35 per cent are spot on. Yours faithfully.

NEIL KING Director of Sixth Form Hymers College 17 November

Family planning helps Third World

ation periods each year and two

From Mr Harry Stopes-Roe

Sir: I much appreciate Emma Brooker's report on our conversation ("Sex, libel and eugenics", 17 November). But there was one point where she over-simplified what I said. As the issue is impor-

tant, I would like to explain.

I said that the family planning being done by Marie Stopes International (continuing my mother's work now, in ways relevant now) is a practical contribution to a complex problem (namely, Third World development); I did not say a "practical solution to a straightforward problem". There is a growing attack by certain elements in the Third World movement against the importance of family planning; and one of their grounds for attack is the claim that some supporters of family planning press it as the solution. I, and those I know, certainly do not.

There are 100 million couples in the Third World who have no proper family planning services, which is causing untold tragedy.

Many hundreds of thousands of Third World women a year have non-medical abortions, often suffering the attendant morbidity

Churchill's papers

From Ms Perdita Hunt

of the announcement, the Government-owned official or state papers within the collection.

Certainly the developed world Birmingham

Sir: I would like to put the record straight about the precise own-ership of the Churchill Papers ("Dream machine that seduced a nation", 13 November).

As we emphasised at the time including Crown Copyright 17 November

These are personal tragedies The community also suffers. Every addition to a country's population requires addition of capital to provide corresponding education and health care, and as the child reaches maturity further additional capital is required. All this must be provided out of whatever increase in GNP the country may achieve, thus reducing the GNP per capita available as income. Increased total food production yields a reduced per capita food production in nearly half the developing countries. Women's personal losses have their communal costs, too: for example, half of the Nigerian maternity budget is wasted on complications from illegal abortions.

should support health, women's education, appropriate technology, etc; but family planning is very productive, too. Yours faithfully, HARRY STOPES-ROE

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The price, paid by the Heritage Lottery Fund and J Paul Getty KBE, reflected the value of the private and literary papers alone. PERDITA HUNT Head of Communications National Heritage Memorial Fund

Nigeria: failure to learn from the Biafran war

Harold Wilson saying that Biafra

would not figure on the agenda

but that he might discuss it over

coffee. It is from that kind of hor-

ror that today's Commonwealth

has to redeem itself if it is to have

From Mr Peter Cadogan Sir: Nigeria is glutted with arms

and has no war on its hands. The arms embargo, therefore, has to be a political joke. Had that embargo been imposed 27 years ago in defence of Biafra, it would have made sense; but the craven Commonwealth of those days just stood by and let a million die. Today's military dictatorship is the logical outcome of the failure of 1967-70.

Military government is the only way to hold Nigeria together. Without it the country would immediately split up. And so it should, if there is to be any justice and any democracy. "One Nigeria" is an alien imposition, designed by Lord Lugard before 1914 as a military device to defend a territory sandwiched between competing French and German territories. It has no

African political identity. If the Commonwealth means business, it should declare an

Commonwealth Conference in

democratic opposition in Nigeria to remove a tyrannical government guilty of judicial murder. I remember in 1969, at the

spin-off from this project might

London, the Prime Minister just be enough to persuade Nigeria's military rulers that they can now afford to retire. Yours faithfully, **EDWARD POULTNEY** London, SE18 19 November

Yours truly, PETER CADOGAN London, NW6 14 November The writer was secretary of the "Save Biafra Campaign" 1968-70.

From Mr Edward Poultney
Sir: It is disingenuous of Shell to inform us that revenues from the Nigerian Liquefied Natural Gas Project will not start flowing until early next century (advertisement, 17 November). The facts

of Nigerian life are that, even assuming the oil company has managed exceptionally to avoid paying big commissions to representatives of those in power, sub-contracts attached to open conspiracy to help the this development can generate instant uncarned wealth for wellplaced third parties.

But we should not yet abandon all hope; with luck, the secondary

From Ms Gilly McIver Sir. I am a small shareholder in Shell, until last week dumbly unaware of the fact, and also a protester against President Abacha's treatment of those who oppose his regime. I have unwittingly got blood on my hands. I would like to sell, but will it change anything? Can I, with thousands like me, be more influential as an insider, however

inconsiderable? What can we do to pressurise Shell into taking its moral and environmental responsibilities more seriously, and not only where it shows? Yesterday's astonishing decision to proceed with the Liquefied Natural Gas Project does not augur well ("Shell to go ahead with Nigerian gas plant", 16 November). Yours.

GILLY MCIVER London, N7

What price noise and air pollution?

From Ms Lilli Matson

Sir. Reports of the Department of Transport's efforts to put a precise price on environmental issues as diverse as noise, air pollution and landscape degradation ("Minister aims to put a price on tranquillity", 14 November) give a depressing indication of how it may intend to take forward its Great Transport Debate.

For too long the Department

of Transport has made cost-benefit analysis the central pillar of its decision-making. Simply broadening the scope of this methodology, in a vain effort to address a wider set of environmental issues, will do little to calm public concern that the decisions produced are the "right" ones. Attempts to put a price on tranquillity or the beauty of a landscape have rightly been discredited in the past. With the best will in the world, they can never express the true value of these

The DoT should abandon this wild goose chase and look instead for new ways of informing its decisions. These should rely more on involving communities in transport planning and assessin the environmental impacts of different transport options - costbenefit analysis should then form just one part of the process.

LILLI MATSON Transport and Energy Campaigner Council for the Protection of Rural England London, SW1 15 November

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Building a police state in Britain

From Mr John Alderson Sir: Christopher Bellamy reports

(17 November) a speech by Michael Portillo, Secretary of State for Defence, to top military and civil servants in which he painted a grave picture of future inner-city crime", which may call for the Armed Forces of the Crown to be diverted to police duties. This, coming in the same week as the Home Secretary, Michael Howard, informed us via the Queen's Speech that our secret political police (MI5) would also now be diverted to police duties, should concern us.

Are the seeds of our own version of the East German Stasi being sown ostensibly to protect us from what the Home Secretary and the Secretary of State for Defence seem to see as the evil in our midst? To put two build-ing blocks of the police state into position in one week must be a record, outside war. It was only through the House

of Lords that the Home Secre-

tary's plans for control of our police authorities failed; he has abolished our constitutional right of silence under police cell interrogation, and we are being softened up for the compulsory carry-

between the Home Secretary's interventionist policies in penal sentencing and the judiciary is now serious. Surely we are not witnessing incipient fascism? Fascism breeds on the incubus of extreme nationalism and authoritarianism, and initially seeks control of the police. It is usual, through rhetoric, to create fears

freedom for security. George Orwell wrote in The Road to Wigan Pier: "It is usual to speak of the fascists' objective as the 'beehive state' which does great injustice to the bees. A world of rabbits ruled by stoats would be nearer the mark". Yours faithfully,

JOHN ALDERSON Ottery St Mary, Devon

The writer was Chief Constable of Devon and Cornwall (1973-1982).

Men have responsibilities in family life

From Ms Carole Tongue, MEP Sir: British society is not renowned for its great affection for women and children. They are invariably the butt of a patri-Andrew Mart's article ("Tony

Blair's new moral imperative", 14 November) is a welcome reminder to the upper echelons of male-dominated business that they, too, have responsibilities and duties in a modern, civilised society. An admirable recognition of this would be to embrace the European Social chapter and legislation which will empower the lives of women and children in particular. One longs to hear one male voice from industry support the pro-posed European Union directive on parental leave that would enhance family life in this country. Yours sincerely, CAROLE TONGUE

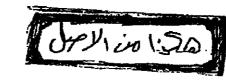
MEP for London East (Lab) Strasbourg, France 15 November

Sir: Why is the urge to have a large family still so strong in this country that even when a mother cannot feed herself or her children properly, it still does not occur to her to avoid further pregnancies (report, 14 November)?

pupils at a state primary school in Florence last year). With two

their needs. Yours sincerely, Annamaria Arlotta





Nall Ferguson

ing of identity cards. Conflict

in the minds of people and then to con them into surrendering

From Ms Annamaria Arlotta

In Italy, where we used to have large families, it is rare to see more than two children per family (the average birth rate is 1.25 per family). We consider our children "quality products". They are, on the whole, elegantly dressed and well fed, there are nursery places for nearly everyone, and class sizes are small (my nephew was in a class of eight children, it is assumed that you have more time for them and more money to take care of all

Canterbury, Kent

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No taxation without explanation

The Shadow Chancellor lays out the principles that would guide Labour's long-term tax ambitions

Today I will lay down the tax prin-teriples for a Labour government. we must also deal with the disincen-tives to work caused by penal tax and And I will outline our long-term aim to introduce – when affordable – a new starting rate of income tax at 15p, and preferably 10p, in the pound. This would benefit all lower- and middleincome families and it would promote opportunity and hard work and cut the marginal rate of income tax for pcople with low earnings.

The Government has also laid out its long-term tax ambitions in recent months: the abolition of Capital Gains Tax and Inheritance Tax at a cost of at least £4.5bn by the end of the century. Labour's approach to taxation will be guided by four principles which will be the basis of a new trust on tax between Labour and the British

First, a Labour government will be open and honest. We will not make promises that we will later break; we will not say one thing before the election and another after. That means no taxation without explanation. There will be no lies, no deceit and no irresponsible commitments.

Second, the tax system must encourage work, effort and opportunity - and not reward abuse or unjustified privilege. It is right, as Tony Blair said last week, that people at the top should have sufficient incentives to work and not be faced by penal rates of tax. But

benefit rates which prevent people at the bottom of the income scale going out to work.

Our third principle is that taxes must encourage long-term savings and investment. That is why we have extending the principle of Tessas and PEPs by introducing a new Individual Savings Account to promote long-term saving. And fourth, we must have a fair tax system based on the progressive principle - that rates of tax must be based on ability to pay.

Now is not the time to make the detailed announcements of tax rates well in advance of an election. Our first principle of honesty about taxation means it would be irresponsible to make these sort of announcements before we know the state of the econ-

omy and the public finances. But it is right that the electorate should know the difference between the Conservatives' long-term tax ambitions and our own. A new lower starting rate for income tax would, unlike the abolition of the Capital Gains Tax and Inheritance Tax, both be fair and strengthen the economy.

As I said at the TUC on Saturday, this measure, in combination with new employment opportunities, a minimum wage and reform of the



All lower- and middle-income families would receive the full benefit of the tax cut

benefit system, can break down the barriers to work embedded in the labour market and tax and benefit system. All lower- and middle-income families would receive the full benefit of the tax cut. And we must ensure that people on benefit do not find that extra income from the reduction in taxes is simply clawed back in lost benefits. That is why our proposal would be matched by an equivalent reduction in the rate at which benefit is withdrawn as income rises.

A lower starting rate of tax is both fairer and economically superior than using the same resources to increase

personal allowanees. Simply increasing allowances would disproportionately benefit higher-rate taxpayers. And increasing allowances, while taking some people out of tax altogether, does not address the poverty trap caused by very high marginal rates of

But most importantly, increasing allowances is based on limited aspirations - the desire to compensate people for their poverty rather than bring it to an end. It assumes that the same people are and will stay poor, and the only priority is marginally increasing their income.

My approach is different. It is clear that people in work are changing jobs all the time and we must help them to move them up the wage ladder. I do not simply want to compensate the low-paid for their poverty. I want to see them move out of poverty into well-paid jobs, and that is why we want to see lower tax rates for those at the bottom of the income scale. So our long-term aim is a tax cut

with a purpose, a tax cut which benefits everyone both directly and, by putting people back to work, releases resources for stronger public services. On the forthcoming Budget,

Labour will set four tests for deciding our position on tax cuts. First, we will judge whether they are honest. Ever since 1979, the Conservatives have given tax cuts with one hand and taken more away in tax increases with the other. Second, we will judge whether they are sustainable. A strong economy is the only way to sustain both fair tax levels and strong public services, which is why Labour has put forward proposals to put people back to work and increase levels of investment in our economy. And there should be no cuts in public spending which undermine our frontline

Third, we will judge whether tax cuts encourage opportunity and employment. The abolition of Cap-ital Gains Tax and Inheritance Tax will not meet these tests and we will oppose these measures. And, fourth, we will judge whether tax cuts are fair. A fair way of cutting taxes would be to reduce the hated VAT on fuel, and a cut in the starting rate would be a fair and economically beneficial way of reducing the tax

burden.
The Chancellor should know that Britain cannot afford a tax system even more regressive than it is already. What Labour wants is a Budget for Britain that is not only fair but which invests for the future and puts people back to work.

The writer is the Labour MP for

Perhaps the Queen's mistake was

simply this: Diana was not another

Wallace Simpson – a divorcee whose relationship with the Queen's uncle led to his abdication – whereas Cam-

illa Parker Bowles might have been,

had Charles married her for love. But,

alas, Diana is turning out to be every bit as lethal to Charles's hopes of a

happy and glorious reign as Mrs Simp-

But what of the argument that the

future King of England cannot divorce his future Queen? This is just plain

nonsense. The Church of England was invented in the 1530s by Henry VIII

for the express purpose of divorcing a Queen - poor old Catherine of Ara-gon, who had failed to provide Henry

with a male heir. Diana, of course, has

succeeded where Catherine failed.

But that does not mean Charles

should not divorce her if she threat-

Diana should retire to

Grand Cayman, where

she can continue to live

her film star fantasies

As Lord Blake reminded us last

week, there is a good precedent for doing so: when George IV excluded

his Queen, Caroline of Brunswick,

from his coronation. Like Charles, George was no saint. Like Diana,

Caroline was hugely popular. But in

though it may be prudent to keep her

son was to Edward VIII's.

It was a right royal message

Tonight I have to go to the theatre in Bath to see an Alan Ayckbourn play, which is going to be interesting. because I expect everyone else in the theatre would rather be

In other words, I imagine that the sort of people who like to go to see Ayckbourn plays are also the sort of people who would not want to miss the Princess of Wales pouring her beart out on Panorama.

It is a matter of complete indifference to me, of course. I shall be quite happy sitting in the stalls, apparently following the play, but actually glued to my carphones and my wrist television set.

In any case, the important thing about Diana's interview is not what she says or how she says it, but how it will affect Christmas. For there is a widespread rumour in the newspapers that if the BBC goes ahead and broadcasts this interview with Diana, then in revenge the Queen will refuse to let her Christmas message go out on the BBC and the BBC will be a completely Queen-free zone. This does not appal me. Far from it. But my father would have been appalled. So would

When I was a young lad, we were usually invited to spend Christmas Day in the home of my great-uncle and my equally great-aunt, who liked to make it a big family affair with never fewer than a dozen relations.

There was lunch and games and sometimes a long walk. but whatever else was happening there was always the Queen's Christmas speech. We would break off whatever we were doing at 3pm (drinking coffee in well organised years. laying the table in badly organised years) and gather round the TV set to see the grey and white pictures of Her Majesty doing her Christmas message, during which there was a reverent silence.

There was also a reverent silence long afterwards. On the subject of the Queen's message, I mean. No one ever discussed it, or asked each other what they thought of it this year, or even asked each other whether they agreed with

Her Majesty. No one said: "Well, shall we with greater compassion? Shall Commonwealth of Nations?"
It was as if the Queen had ens to bring the Crown into disrepute. was vitally necessary to listen to it, but quite unnecessary to do anything else about it.

It was, in short, like the other great thing that everyone paid lip-service to but never took any notice of: Christianity. My father sent me to schools where they had chapel

once or twice a day, but never once did he and I ever talk about religion. Once a year we listened to the Queen, but never once did I ask why we had to listen to this dreary broadcast, this embarrassing lecture which made even school sermons seem interesting, delivered in a thin monotone like someone who has been desperately miscast in an amater dramatics production, but who cannot have the part taken away from her because she is the producer's

daughter. I did once ask my father a question about the Royal Family. I must have been about 14 or 15. I said one day that I found it incomprehensible that the country should pay the Royal Family so much money.

(Ahead of my time, here.)
"What do they do for it?" I asked him. "What does the Royal Family do to justify all that expense?" He goggled at me in silence for a moment.



"My God," he said. "I don't believe it. I've hatched a revolutionary."

Thereafter, for several years, whenever he introduced me to people, he would say: "And this is my son, the Communist." At the time this made me furious but, looking back, I think I was wrong. I think I should have been grateful that it took so little effort to be typed as a subversive. One complaint about the Royal Family and I was a Bolshevik!

"If I am a Bolshevik," I said to my father one day, "would-n't I want to have the Royal

Family shot?"
"Well, don't you?" he said.
"Not at all," I said, "it would only gain them more sym-

pathy."
"You are a heartless rogue,"
said my father. "Remind me to

cut you out of my will."
Ever since my father died, I do what the Queen says? Shall have missed conversations like we behave towards each other this, with each side trying to wind the other up. I wish my we be more serious about the father were here now, so I could tell him there would be no Queen's Speech this Christnever uttered her message. It mas and see what he said.

I think I know what he would have said. "Good for the woman. I know what she is up to. She's going to record her message privately and have it sold on video in the shops. At last she has had the sense to make some money out of it." He may have a point there.

Niall Ferguson offers a solution to the problem of Diana that has historic precedent ...

Off with her talking head!

If there is one person who should be looking closely at Lord Mackay's new Divorce Bill – and maybe also his Domestic Violence Bill, since it covers mental cruelty - it is the Prince of Wales. For if ever there was someone who needs to get shot of a spouse in the speediest and most painless way possible, it is the heir to the throne.

It really does not matter much what his estranged wife says in her interview on Panorama, which will be broadcast tonight. The mere fact that the Princess of Wales chose to organise this public appearance without any consultation with Her Majesty the Queen is, by itself, an argument for

This is a programme that will be viewed by many millions of viewers, not only in this country but throughout the Commonwealth, in which the Princess apparently gives her opinions on matters as sensitive as her rela-

Some people evidently need reminding: the institution of the monarchy matters

tionship with Prince Charles and the next-in-line to the throne, their son William. This, as she well knows, is serious stuff. To discuss such matters on prime-time TV without consultation with the Queen is more than a breach of protocol. It demonstrates to the Royal Family.

Of course, this is only the latest of many deplorable lapses on Princess Diana's part. To be sure, not all of this publicity has been solicited by her. She was not to blame when transcripts were published of her telephone conversations with James Hewitt. Nor was she responsible for the snapshots of her pumping iron in one of the London gymnasiums, where she spends such a large amount of her time. Nevertheless, Lord Wakeham has a

point when he hints that Diana is far from being simply an innocent victim of paparazzi and telephone-tappers. It was not perhaps wise of him to write an article of the sort which appeared in vesterday's Mail on Sunday - apparently in pique that the Princess rejected his advice at a private dinner last month. As chairman of the Press Complaints Commission, it is not his job to review television programmes before they have even been broadcast. But he has said what needed saying.

Some time ago, the Princess of Wales struck what can only be described as a Faustian pact with the British media. She began to manipulate the press in order to further her own ends in what she has come to see as a





her unfitness to remain formally linked The Princess: 400 years ago she might have suffered a sharper exit than divorce

Manichaean struggle between herself and the royal establishment. The most glaring example of this

was the book by Andrew Morton, Diana, Her True Story, supposedly based on the testimony of her friends". But since then she has edged ever closer to direct communication with journalists. Photographs of her entering a car with the Daily Mail's royal correspondent spoke vol-umes. With her Ray-Bans and baseball cap, the Princess was revealed as the Royal Family's answer to Deep Throat. Tonight's interview is merely the culmination of a long process of

media manipulation. What the Princess seems not to realise is the true nature of the Faustus bargain. Somewhere along the line she sold her soul and the price of all that publicity is going to have to be paid sooner or later. For the fact is that a royal divorce is now an urgent necessity. There are, of course, many who do not share this view. Some are covert republicans. Others, like Auberon Waugh, see the Princess as a breath of fresh air for the monarchy. His argument seems to be that the sooner the Queen and Prince Philip appear in

Ray-Bans and baseball caps, the better. But most opponents of divorce are more conservative. Because they wish to promote "family values" at a time when the institution of marriage is in decline, they dislike the idea of a royal divorce, arguing that the Royal Family ought to "set an example". They worry about the effect a divorce would have on the royal couple's sons (a card

we can expect Diana to play tonight). But this is sentimental twaddle. The point about the Royal Family is that they are not like everyone else; their example is not applicable to our lives. And the crucial way they are not like everyone else is this: their persons come a definite second to the institution of the monarchy which they, dur-

ing their lives, personify. Some people evidently need reminding: the institution of the monarchy matters. It has been one of the peculiarities of this country that while most other European countries have lurched from monarchy to republic to dictatorship at one time or another since 1789, Britain has not - having tried and rejected the alternatives

in ermine and a tiara. You may think she has more big houses than is good for her. But that is to see only the surface of the monarchy. Its deeper constitutional efficiency lies in the way it has come to embody national (and, indeed, imperial or Commonwealth) unity by rising above party politics. Can those who despise the monarchy maintain they would respect a democratically elected head of state - say Bill Clinton or Boris Yeltsin - more?

But I am sorry, Ma'am: the choice of Diana Spencer as your son's wife was a ghastly blunder. True, you were not to know that she would grow up to be a narcissistic harpie - through her family history should have warned you. But would it not have been wiser to have married Charles to the daughter of one of the more innocuous continental houses? The historic reading strongly suggests that marrying non-royals is hazardous, even (or perhaps especially) when they are connected to reasonably well established aristocratic families. To endure the self-abnegation that comes with royal status, You may think the Queen looks silly you have to be born and bred to it.

the end the monarchy survived the showdown and Caroline died in disreputable obscurity.

Something along those lines seems to be the best possible fate which could befall Diana following a divorce: retirement to Grand Cayman, where she can continue to live out her film star fantasies in the company of married sportsmen and photographers from Hello! magazine – but no longer as a member of the Royal Family with official privileges and responsibilities,

on a small allowance conditional upon Now, it is not easy for a loyal subject to criticise a reigning monarch. good behaviour. Of course, she will fight every inch of the way, like Caroline. But for the Queen there is now no alternative. And the sooner the divorce proceedings are initiated the better. Has Diana considered what might happen if this were to blow up under a Labour government, with all that party's republican fellow-travellers in power? Diana should count herself lucky as the royal lawyers present her with their terms: 400 years ago, she might well have faced a rather sharper exit - on

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Miron Grindea

Miron Grindea arrived in Britain a few days before the outbreak of the Second World War. With him were the two passions of his life, his pianist vife, Carola, and his magarine Adam International Review

Grindea had studied humanities in Bucharest and Paris. He was a Jewish intellectual, a literary and music critic: he became editor of Adam in 1936 or 1937, and made it his own. He had been deeply involved in anti-Fascist activities in Bucharest and remained so throughout the war in London. For a while he worked in Jonathan Griffin's famous BBC European Intelligence section at Bush

Adam was a classic little magazine, of the "eclectic" rather than "dynamic" sort, to employ its admirer Cyril Connolly's terminology. It was both typical of little magazines and, like the others, unique in that it was a projection of its editor's personality: his obsessions, his prejudices, his quirks, his passions, his brainwaves, his michegaas, his concerns, his insatiable curiosity. Grindea was an extreme case only because his creativity was entirely consumed by the job of editor. He was an autocratic and wayward editor of brilliance, a holy fool, and in the words of Storm Jameson "a mendicant friar, a monstre sucre.". Given that Grindea was one of the last of that splendid breed of premass-media men of letters. refugees from Europe schooled in high culture and Central European humanism, the personality projected was both educated and complex, and the self indulged was objectively, and cheerfully, contemplated. Though temperamentally un-

fitted to be a conventional aca-

demic. Grindea was a very

learned man, in the style of

some antiquarian booksellers

and scholarly librarians and - in

this respect if no other - may poet went elsewhere.

have reflected his subscribers. He ranged not only widely but more deeply - Proust, Gide, Mansfield etc - than many scholars could bear to admit. In some circles, Adam was reviled, in others ignored. The reason for these reactions must be rooted in the insularity, both literal and metaphorical, of the host country he loved and adorned. This insularity, with its associated superiority complex, breeds suspicion of cosmopolitan culture, especially when that culture covers, as it must, all the arts. Grindea's earlier editorials

dealt with his general preoccupations about society and literature. The later ones were a mixture of the roman fleuve and the feuilleton. Like a Post-Modern novelist - and Adam was a kind of novel with Grindea as author and main character: similar in that to editors such as Charles Péguy and Karl Kraus - Grindea lets the reader into his workshop. Typically he mingles the highly idiosyncratic presentation of an issue's genuinely fascinating and scholarly discoveries with spicy gossip high or low, useful information on other subjects, grouses (he was a famous grouse, albeit virtually teetotal, and ate like a bird too), and plaintive requests for support to enable the magazine's survival. To hand is the Dylan Thomas

memorial Number of 1953, with unpublished work by Dylan Thomas himself, and contributions from Stravinsky. Augustus John (a careful reading of this text explains why Grindea appended to it the wickedly ironic title of 'The Monogamous Bohemian"), MacDiarmid and others. We learn from the editorial that Eliot, contrary to rumour, not only knew Thomas's work but admired Thomas and initiated contact with regard to possible publication of his poems in 1934 - but the young

Miron Grindea was a born and skilled journalist and could undoubtedly have lived quite comfortably from his pen had he not had Adam - equal to him in intelligence, as Connolly said of magazines and their editors

- to finance for over 50 years. There is no doubt that without the devoted support, moral, fi-nancial and professional, of his equally legendary spouse Carola, the magazine would have died more terminally than it usually did. He never gave up. How could he? He too would have died. Fortunately, various institutions and individuals rode to the rescue over the years. Grindea was not an easy

man to work with. He could be infantile, selfish, uncaring of other people's equally pressing priorities. Little-magazine and small-press editors are meshuggah: crazies. They have the vices of their virtues. Hopeless at delegating, they are simultaneously obsessive and disor-ganised. Grindea, in the South Kensington apartment more redolent of Paris or Vienna than London, used to exploit his young assistants, some of whom later became poets, novelists, therapists, musicians, publishers, dons or layabouts. If they did not leave in confusion or despair they received an editorial and human education from the roguish insurgent which it would have taken a Joseph Roth or Shole Aleichem to convey, but which (un)officially consisted of serving as proof-reader, muse-supplier, message-runner, awkward-

Grindea was a brilliant wheedler of texts, often but not always their best work, from famous writers or their heirs, among them: Wells, Shaw, Chekhov, Wilson, Greene, Eliot, Cocteau, Gide, Joyce, Churchill, Auden, Forster,

phonecall maker, editorial dev-

il's advocate, analyst and

analysand. In a word: Sancho

Priestley, Murdoch, Durrell, Spender, Powell. His recipe was a secret mixture of chutzpah, flattery, intelligence, passion, straightforwardness and charm. He encouraged new and / or young writers, Veronica Forrest-Thomson, Fred Uhlman, P.F. Spalding, for example, and some future talents made their debuts in Adam: Maureen Duffy, Wolf Man-kowitz. But the past concerned him more. He published important ac-

counts by servants of their masters such as Tolstoy and Proust, made available important discoveries in musicology, and brought out plays by Kops, Josipovici and many others. There were special issues on national literatures - Sweden, Iceland, India, Sri Lanka, Catalonia, Ecuador, Israel (Hebrew and Arabic); on key authors and composers in his canon - Gide, Greene, Cary, Proust (seven), Mansfield, Agnon, Stravinsky, Chopin, Mozart, Neruda, Simenon. There were themecentred issues: the moon, Jerusalem. All these special issues contained editorials synthesising critical and serious bio-bibliographical approaches to the subjects.

torial organs were most fully engaged in two activities: in the first place, drawing the attention of his subscribers and the literary establishments of France and England - the magazine was bilingual - to the work of living authors, in his opinion neglected, such as Visiak, Ramuz, Cary, Fleg, Gascoyne and the grandest literary lesbian of her day, the legendary but un-read Natalie Clifford Barney, whom he took me to meet in Rue Jacob. In the second place, tracking down unpublished letters and texts, by Mansfield, Wells, Gorky, Berlioz, Chekhov. Dickens, and Dreyfus (the case

obsessed him). On the one hand he swanned good time. On the other hand, sometimes the same hand, he worked maniacally hard. His frustrations and triumphs are always recorded in the editorials. Some of his authors drove him crazy and some of them - an overlapping but not identical category - in turn considered him the most exasperating editor of all time. Some of the twice shy were undoubtedly difficult characters but it would falsify the record to censor the. fact that his behaviour could be fairly awful.

In actual fact Grindea, with his polymorphous perversity and manifold humanity, his humour and solicitousness, his passionate concern for the survival of humanistic values and of literary culture, was a shining knight in a naughty world and, indeed, Picasso depicted him in a cartoon as Don Quixote. He was deeply British, but un-English in his involvement in music and painting as well as literature; deeply Jewish and involved with Israel, but not chauvinistic and certainly not an admirer of sectarian zeal; deeply Romanian, but not rabid in his nostalgic attachment to his troubled native land (re-Perhaps Grindea's vital edicently Romanian television took him back to his shtetl, the small town where he was born, and from which, he told me several times, he had come a long way); deeply French in profes-sional formation/deformation but no dumb worshipper at the

> illness, he continued working in his own way on the magazine and at last learnt to listen properly and engage in real dialogue. Perhaps he was inspired to this by his grandchildren and their parents, of whose musical and medical skills he was properly proud. A full assessment of the magazine - more than 50 years and 500 issues by Grindea's own crafty reckoning - must

> altar of this or that ism or asm.

In his last years, despite a long

An autocratic editor of brilliance: Grindea ran Adam for nearly 60 years

Alan Hull

await its historian, but it is surely no exaggeration to say that the whole of Adam will be consulted for years to come as an informed guide to many of the byways and some of the highways of European culture, and that the best of Adam would make a splendid anthology. As with all the other great eclectic magazines, the worst will be quietly forgotten.

The magazine's extraordinary editorial archive was sold to King's College London several years ago, and a sensible

agreement was reached that King's - which established an Adam Lecture in Grindea's lifetime (this year's lecture is to be given by the poet R.S. Thomas) - would continue to publish Adam after his death, perhaps as an annual. Quite understandably, Grindea remained edgy about the deal and sometimes seemed to disbelieve it had taken place. And indeed, how do you replace the man of whom it was said "Nobody knew him from Adam"? It is

pointless to regret that he did

not write books. One gives thanks that a passion such as his found an outlet beyond reading books. He was the apotheosis of the tertium quid; an original editor who did what was right in his own eyes. He could do no

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Mondi Miron Grunberg (Miron Grindea), editor: born Tirgul Ocna, Moldavia 31 January 1909; married 1936 Carola Rabinovici (one daughter); died London 18 November 1995.

Jack Finney

Half-way through Jack Finney's 1973 novel Marion's Wall the hero Nick Cheyney is watching the original silent movie version of The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse, the scene in the café where Valentino dances the tango with a smouldering Helena Domingues. All at once Cheyney becomes Valentino, at day he died: his most recent one and the same time seeing "himself" dance so brilliantly up on the screen while seeing, too, the eye of the camera following his splendid, urgent move-ments. And then - at what must have been a moment of 1995, he produced only 10 nov-(the scene was shot in one superb take) - Cheyney, as himself and as Valentino, is overwhelmed by a "hopeless yearning for what might have been". For Chevney is inadvertently transferring his knowledge 50 years on to Valentino who is suddenly, horribly, aware that he will soon die, his life, talent, career, his immense dramatic promise, all unfulfilled.

lost and gone. It is a classic Jack Finney moment. A rich mix of yearning, nostalgia, sentiment, magic and irony sharp as a serpent's tooth. For although Finney was himself a man who longed for what he saw as the uncorrupted graciousness of the past - of "days that are no more" - in his novels he was not above mockery, in Marion's Wall lightly lampooning the massive egos, the vast oceans of self-pity to be

decades of world-wide fame

found in the acting profession. Finney was born in Milwaukee. Wisconsin, in 1911, and educated at Knox College, Galesburg, Illinois. His first creative writing sale, a story called "The Widow's Walk", was made in 1946, at the relatively antique (for a fiction writer) age of 35. This was because after college Finney worked as an advertising copywriter in New York, where, in 1947 with "The Widow's Walk" he won a Special

Award in a story contest promoted by Ellery Queen's Mystery Magazine (in an editorial, Queen praised Finney for his elliptical approach - "The Widow's Walk" was essentially a murder story without a murder). Thereafter, he was a professional wordsmith until the novel, From Time To Time, was published earlier this year. Yet he was not prolific. With

Finney it was truly a case of stories - but the novels include some of the biggest-selling and most popular entertainments of the past half-century: the "caper" thrillers Five Against The House (1954: the looting of a Las Vegas casino) and Assault on a Queen (1959: the raising of a First World War U-Boat in order to rob the Oueen Mary): Time and Again (1970: a wonderfully evocative time-travel tale); and his celebrated The Bodysnatchers (1955).

Finney was a publisher's and film producer's dream writer. He came up with simple, uncomplicated, yet gripping narratives that people wanted to read, and which translated swiftly, without complex and expensive story-reconstruction, into cinematic terms. His peculiar genius lay in being able to write genre fiction acceptable to the kind of audience who bought the "slicks": the glossy, highly priced general-andwomen's-interest periodicals whose payments were way beyoud even the aspirations of most pulp-writers. Finney wrote story after story for Collier's; he wrote for Saturday Evening Post; he wrote for Lady's Home Journal and Good Housekeeping and McCall's Magazine; be wrote for Playboy (and during the 1950s and 1960s one story in *Playboy* would probably have paid the average downtown



Kevin McCarthy in The Invasion of The Body Snatchers (1956), based on a novel by Finney Photograph Ronald Grant

Galesburg, Illinois, groceries bill for a year).

His most famous story was The Bodysnatchers. When it was serialised, Collier's readers wolfed it down, the paperback original was a roaring success (the British hardback, issued the same year, is now something of a modern first-edition rarity), Don Siegel turned it into a movie, The Invasion of the Bodysnatchers (1956), still lauded today, and twice re-made since. And although the plot seed-pods from outer space replicate human beings - is on the face of it absurd, what it touches is the terror of masks, of people not being who they claim to be (Finney always denied any covert condemnation of 1950s political paranoia. whether anti-Communist or anti-McCarthyite: "I wrote the

story purely as a good read"). Like the short story writer Nelson Bond and the novelist Richard Condon, Finney brought genre fiction into the mainstream. His fantasy yarns and science fiction stories, in particular, were cleverly aimed at readers who hated fantasy and science fiction. His other

work, too, rarely failed to inspire enthusiasm in perhaps improbable critics such as V.S. Pritchett who thought Five Against The House "ingenious, alarming, uncommonly good". Nor did Finney balk at "dif-

ficult" subjects if he thought he had a story. His comedy Good Neighbour Sam (1963) is as near as damn-it a cornedy about wife-swapping. (Jack Lemmon starred in the movie.) Much of the action in The Woodrow Wilson Dime (1968) takes place in a parallel world in which the hero has a second, and even ion's Wall the sensual, demanding ghost of a long-dead silent-movie actress takes control of the hero's wife (causing a certain amount of confusion beyond the bedroom door).

Jack Finney's strong sense of the past, his feel for the hundred or so years that preceded the destruction of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, informed just about all he wrote. Mildly mock his own obsessions as he might on occasion, he was never happier than when setting a story or a novel in another time, or a different, and better, reality (his choicest time-tales were collected in About Time). His masterpiece was Time And Again, a superbly nostalgic and skilfully plotted trip back to the Man-hattan of the 1880s which, more than any other of his books. demonstrated his infallible instinct for touching the right public nerve at precisely the right time: the book, lavishly illustrated with old photos, was read and raved over by virtually all New York when it came out in 1970. Like most of Finney's enthralling tales, it has rarely been out of print since.

Walter Braden (Jack) Finney. writer: born Milwaukee. Wisconsin 1911; married (one son. one daughter); died Greenbrae, California 14 November 1995.

Alan Hull, the Geordie poet, songwriter and musician who led the band Lindisfarne to fame in the early Seventies, was essentially a humanist, whose wryly observant lyrics came from heartfelt concern for the under-privileged and the misunderstood.

Hull's upbringing in the North-east and his work as a nurse among mental patients helped instil in him a sense of realism that eluded his more glamorous contemporaries. Hull was a champion of the people rather than a champion of rockin his work as a performer. writer and political activist. Hull was born in 1945 in

Newcastle upon Tyne. His musical career began with a local band, the Chosen Few. He left them to work for a while as a nurse at St Nicholas Hospital where he met his wife, Pail At the same time Hull established himself as a folk singer and in 1967 formed the Downtown Faction. A year on they became Lindisfarne, taking the name from Holy Island nearby. The line-up included Hull on vocals, guitar and piano, with Simon Cowe (guitar), Ray Jackson (harmonica, mandolin), Rod Clements (bass and violin) and Ray Laidlaw (drums). The band were signed to Charisma Records, whose boss, Tony Stratton-Smith appreciated Hull's poetic lyrics and the band's uniquely British flavour. Their début album, Nicely Out of Tune (1970) included one of Hull's most celebrated compositions, "Lady Eleanor". This was followed by the classic Fog on the Tyne (1971), a No 1 hit. The folksy title-track celebrating Newcastle life became a favourite with festival audiences.

Gien Colson, the former tour manager for Lindisfarne and assistant to Stratton-Smith understood the background to Hull's work and the band's apAlan wrote most of his biggest songs all in one week while working at the hospital. Apparently they used to give LSD to the alcoholics there and he'd taken an acid trip himself. It was during that period that he wrote four or five great songs, including "Clear White Light", "We Can Swing To-gether", "Fog on the Tyne" and "Lady Eleanor". On night shifts, Hull man-

aged to fit in a lot of reading and he enjoyed the novels of Edgar Allan Poe as well as the works of Jung and Freud. Colson says: Poe was one of his heroes and "Lady Eleanor" was written after a character from one of his stories. songs reached out to a hugely

receptive audience at the great Seventies festivals. "Every time they played a festival they stole the show, Colson recalls: Their big anthem was "We Can Swing Together", which was all about a drug bust. It was an anti-police song and audiences loved it. Ouly a cou-

ple of years ago they were still going down a storm everywhere they played because everyone knew their songs. They were the biggest-selling group in 1972. It was them and Slade. The band did five albums for Charisma including Dingly Dell (1972), Lindisfame Live (1973) and Roll On Ruby (1974). They made another 15 albums over a 30-year period, one of the most recent being Ehis Lives On The Moon. Hull wrote most of their main songs except "Meet Me On the Corner". "Everyone thinks Alan wrote it," Colson said, "but it was actually Rod Clements, and it was their biggest hit." It made the Top Five in 1972. But after their initial success the band's career began to slump and the album Dingly Dell was not so well received. They went to America in 1972 and toured for a year. struggling to make a living on a wage of a dollar a day. "That's what Stratton-Smith paid us," recalls Colson, "We were out there for six months while their album was No 1 in the UK. We thought we could break Amer-

Most Americans were stoned on pot in those days and Lindisfarme were a drinking band so people didn't really understand them. Alan wasn't sliv of the odd drink, but he always had a bacon sandwich in the morning to restore his electrolyte balance. said he had to get the salts back into this body that the beer had taken out. The band were reduced to

playing half-hour versions of. "The Yellow Rose of Texas" to keep audiences happy who knew nothing about fog and cared less about the Tyne. Lindisfarne plugged on, supporting the Kinks at Carnegie Hall and such acts as Taj Mahal and Tim Buckley. At the tour's end, it transpired that Lindisfarne owed money. It was the last serious attempt to sell Hull's

music to America. At the end of the tour Laidlaw, Cowe and Clements left to form the new band Jack the Lad. Their replacements released the album Happy Daze but split in 1975. In the meantime Huli pursued a solo career, releasing his debut album. Pipe Dream, in 1973, with help from ex-Lindisfarne members. Many of the songs were concerned with his experience working in the mental hospital. He also wrote The Mocking Horse, a book of poetry on the subject, which became a best-seller. His

later releases included Squire



Hull: 'people's poet'

On the Other Side (1983). He formed a short-lived group called Radiator with the drummer Ray Laidlaw which released Isn't It Strange in 1977.

Lindisfame re-formed for a Top Ten single, "Run For Home", in 1978. In 1990 the band recorded a version of "Fog on the Tyne" with the Geordie football star Paul Gascoigne which got to No 2. Lindisfarne, with Hull at the helm, remained a buge attraction in the North-east and only four months ago celebrated their 25th anniversary with a concert at Newcastle City Hall.

A keen supporter of the Labour Party, Hull was secretary of his constituency party. He took part in many events to support the 1984 miners' strike and also organised a concert to save Swan Hunter shipyard. In 1986 he wrote a show called Heads Held High to be performed on the route of the 50thanniversary Jarrow to London hunger march.

Most recently Hull had planned a return trip to America, and a new solo album, and he had been looking for a deal with EMI Records.

"Alan was a people's poet who had the common touch." the rock critic Reg Hollingsworth says:

He had the ability to turn bitterness into sweetness with a sense of hu-mour attached. He wrote in the Bardic tradition and he could see a future that he didn't particularly tike. He certainly didn't tike London. He felt they weren't taken seriously enough there: Lindisfarne were catenough there: Lindistante were cat-egorised as simple folk group but they wrote beautifully crafted songs and were even hailed as The New Beat-les after 'Clear White Light' came out. He wasn't happy with the mu-sic business, but whatever he thought, sic business, but whatever he thought, he was extremely successful within it.

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Alan Hull, composer, musician, poet: born Newcastle upon Tyne 20 February 1945; married (three daughters); died Newcastle upon Tyne 17 November 1995.

Births. **Marriages** & Deaths

DEATHS

GELLNER: Ernest André, on 5 November, in Prague, Funeral at Chichester Crematorium. Westhampnett Road, on 25 November at 2pm. Donations to Amnesty International UK, 99-119 Rosebery Ave, London ECIR 4RE, or flowers to Funeral Services Petersfield Ltd, 19 The Square, Petersfield, Hampshire, Enquiries to 01730 262711 or 01227 274348.

IN MEMORIAM

HAWGOOD: John Arkas, historian, remembered with love and respect on his 90th birthday and every day. SPENCE: Godfrey. Died 20 November 1990. Always lovingly remembered and greatly missed by us all. He filled our lives with happiness, warmth and kindness and we cherish our beautiful memories of him. All the family.

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Birthdays

Mr Michael Alexander, explorer and writer, 75; Mr Denis Aliport, former Chairman, Metal Box Ltd. 73; Lord Archer of Sandwell OC., former MP, 69; The Hon Hugh Astor, former deputy chairman of the Times, 75; Mr Peter Badge, Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, 64; Mr Alistair Cooke, journalist and broadcaster, 87; Brigadier Bernard Cowey, former rughy international, 84; Miss Alexandra Danilova, choreographer and ac-tress, 89; Sir Alan Goodison, former dinlomat 69: Miss Nadine Gordiner. novelist and Nobel prizewinner, 72; Miss Dukie Gray, actress and author, 75; Mr Aubrey Jones, former gov-ernment minister, 84; Mr Piara Khabra MP. 71; Mr Johnny Leach, former table-tennis champion, 73: Mr James McPherson, solicitor, and Lord-Lieutenant of the Grampian Region, 68; Sir Richard Morris, former chairman, Brown and Root, 70; Sir David Price, former MP, 71; Mr Arthur Rees, former chief constable, Denbighshire and Staffordshire, rug-by international, and chairman, St John's Ambulance, Staffordshire, 83; Mr Wilfred Wooller, former cricketer and rugby international, 83.

Anniversaries

Births: Paulus Potter, animal painter, 1625; Thomas Chatterion, poet, 1752: Sir Samuel Cunard, shipowner, 1787; William Chappell, music publisher, 1809; Edwin Powell Hub-ble, astronomer, 1889; Gene Tierney, actives, 1920: Robert Kennedy, politi cian, 1925. Deaths: Sir Christophe Hatton, Lord Chancellor, 1591; Queen Caroline of Ansbach, consort of George II, 1737; Anton Grigoryevich Rubinstein, pianist and com-poser, 1894; Lev Nikolayevich, Count Tolstoy, novelist, 1910; John Rushworth Jellicoe, first Earl Jellicoe, admiral of the fleet, 1935. On this day: Charles Stewart Rolls and Frederick Henry Royce combined to form the firm of Rolls Royce, 1906; after five years of blackout, lights were switched on in London, in Piccadilly, the Strand and Fleet Street, 1944; the War Crimes trial at Nuremberg began, 1945; Princess Elizabeth married the Duke of Edinburgh, 1947; owdonia was declared a National Park, 1951. Today is the Feast Day of St Bernward, St Dasius, St Edmund the Martyr, St Felix of Valois, St Maxentia of Beauvais and St

Lectures

Reading University: Professor Alan Sinfield, "Oscar Wilde and the Queer Body", 2pm. Victoria and Albert Museum: Catherine Wilson, "Majolica".

ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS The Queen, accompanied by The Duke of St length, attends the Royal Vanety Performance the Dominion Theatre, London W.L. The Duke the Whithread Brewery, London ECI. Princes Marguere opens the Kinnaird Head Lighthouse Managuere opens the Kinnaird Head Lighthouse Managuer opens the Kinnaird Head Lighthouse Managuer. Frieschurgh. Aberdeceghin. The Dube of Kinn. Co-Paron, attends the Augin-Jordanian Society's Beannail Dinner, Langham Hittou Horel. London SWI. Princers Alexandra, Present Horel, London SWI. Princers Alexandra, Present, etiands a reception piven by the Imperial Cancer Research Fund at 44 Lincoln's Inn Fields. London WC2.

Changing of the Guard The Household Cavalry Mountal Regumousts the Queen's Life Guard at Bases Guard Lam; In Bantalon Scott Guard in Brown County Occes's Guard, at Backinglass Palace, 11.3

The following notes of judgments were prepared by the re-porters of the All England Law Reports

Asvlum M v Secretary of State for the House Department; CA (Butler-Sloss, Millett, Ward LJJ); 24 Oct 1995

A person who put forward a fraudulent and baseless claim for asylum might be guilty of an attempt to pervert the course of justice and, in theory at least, at risk not only of having his claim dismissed but of finding himself the subject of criminal proceedings; but he was not thereby deprived of the protection of the 1951 Convention and 1967 Protocol relating to the Status of Refugees. How-ever, the fact that he had put forward a fraudulent and baseless claim would deprive him of

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CASE SUMMARIES

sons set out in the Convention. Andrew Nicol QC, John Walsh (Hereward & Foster, North Woolwich) for the applicant; Robin Tam (Treasury Solicitor) for the Home Secretary.

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Contract Taylor v Bhail; CA (Sir Stephen Brown P. Russell, Millett LJJ); 1 Nov

The parties to a contract to repair a gale-damaged wall agreed to an inflated estimate in order to recover an extra sum of money from the insurance company on whom a claim was to be made. When a dispute arose over payment, the court held that the plaintiff much of his credibility in es-tablishing thereafter that he had a well-founded fear of gality, and it was unrealistic to

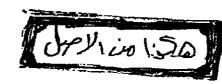
regard the agreement as a building contract with a separate agreement to defraud. It was clearly a single indivisible arrangement tainted by fraud which the law would refuse to enforce. The clear message to commercial men was that parties conspiring to defraud insurance companies could not expect the courts to uphold

The defendant in person; Paul Harris (Keith Hall Juviller) for the plaintiff: Timothy Brennan (Treasury citor) es amicus curiae.

Fraudulent trading R v Smith (Wallace); CA (Crim Div) (Rose LJ, Jowitt, Moore-Bick JJ); 3

An offence under s 458 of the Companies Act 1986 (fraudu-

lent trading) was a continuing one and if trading was carried on fraudulently, future as well as present creditors might be prejudiced. The word "creditor in s 458, in its ordinary meaning, denoted one to whom money was owed; whether that debt could at present be sued for was immaterial. English courts had jurisdiction to try an offence contrary to s 15 of the Theft Act 1968 (dishonestly obtaining property by deception) where the deception practised by the defendant was within the jurisdiction in respect of funds transferred from one bank abroad to another based abroad where the transactions were operated by the defendant in and from England. William Clegg QC. Simon Stafford-Michael (Registrar of Criminal Appeals) for the appellant, Timothy Barnes QC, Stuart Lawson-Rogers QC, Susan Reed (SFO) for the Crown.



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IN BRIEF

Grid generating arm demerged

The electricity generating business of the National Grid Company has been demerged into the ownership of PSB Holdings, which will become majority owned by the 12 regional electricty companies. PSB Holdings has received 11 indicative offers for the operation and has selected US-based Dominion Energy, Misson Energy Corporation of California and Scottish Hy-dro-Electric to proceed to the final bidding stage. The demerger had been expected in advance of the £3.5bn flotation of the grid. which is scheduled for 11 December. The generating business, which will be known as First Hydro, operates two power plants in Wales based on "pump storage" technology, which produce power at times of peak demand. There has been speculation that the business could be sold for about £300m.

Leeson poised for Singapore return

Nick Leeson's eight-month battle against extradition finally ends this week when he will fly back to Singapore to face trial. Mr Leeson agreed last month to return voluntarily to Singapore after a long battle to avoid extradition. He fled from there in late February just days before Barings was crushed under nearly £900m of losses from illegal derivatives speculation. He will stand trial on 12 charges, including falsifying accounts and deception. These carry a potential jail sentence of 14 years, but there have been growing indications in recent weeks that the likely outcome may be less severe. Mr Leeson's Singapore lawyer, John Koh, here had a sentence with found investigators finelling specific participations. has had several meetings with fraud investigators, fuelling speculation that there will be a deal is being worked out that would reduce the number of charges.

Pet City publishes Aim prospectus

Pet City, the chain of out-of town pet superstores that is seeking a listing on the Alternative Investment Market, has released its pathfinder prospectus showing it made a significant loss last year. The group recorded a £1.2m operating loss in the 69 weeks to July on sales of £45m. The stores lost £789,000 in the previous year and almost £900,00 in 1993. However, the company has released illustrative projections for the next four years projecting a modest loss for 1996 followed by pre-tax profits of £1.3m in 1997. Profits are expected to reach £4.3m and £8.9m in the two years after that. The group says previous losses have been due to the fast expansion programme which has seen the group open 35 stores since its inception in 1989. It plans to open between 20 and 40 stores a year over the next four years and reach

Retailers set sights on Poland

Poland is set to become the next target for Western European retailers, though UK stores groups are currently lagging behind their Continental rivals. Czechoslovakia has already proved popular for expansion and Hungary, Bulgaria and Romania are also considered promising areas for potential expansion. According to a new report by Corporate Intelligence, Poland's increasing economic and political stability is making it the focus of attention for a number of European stores groups, particular in France

Last week Tesco paid £8m for a 79 per cent stake in Savia. and Germany. the Polish food retailing group. Savia has 36 stores in the southern part of the country. BP is opening a chain of petrol stations in Poland, which will have convenience stores attached. K Shoes, part of Clark's Shoes, has two stores in Warsaw and remains committed to the country despite relatively slow growth. Booker cash and carry group has a stake in the Polish supermarket group. Eurotrade.

Firms seek ACT solution

The UK's largest companies are demanding measures to solve the problem of surplus Advance Corporation Tax (ACT). According to a survey of 131 of the top 1,000 companies by Coopers & Lybrand, businesses are subsidising the government with long-term, interest-free loans totalling up to £4bn.

Climax in C&W power struggle

Industrial Correspondent

The power struggle at Cable & Wireless will reach a climax today at hastily convened meetings between the group's directors that could result in the departure of the chief executive. James Ross. He is expected to

ed or reduced to a less influential, non-executive role. The extraordinary developments follow months of specu-lation, culminating in a statement last week that Lord Young will stay as executive chairman until his 65th birthday

go unless Lord Young of

Graffham, the chairman, is oust-

nouncement outraged Mr Ross, who is said to have approached non-executive directors weeks ago to say that he could no inger work with Lord Young.

Cable & Wireless' executive directors will meet this morning with non-executives led by Win Bischoff, chairman of Schroders, to demand an end to the chaos. There is a consensus that the executives will back Mr Ross, who will not attend the meeting. This afternoon the non-executive directors are expected to attempt alone to re-

solve the acrimonious dispute. One senior executive said: "Cable & Wireless needs un-

strong management. Starting from that base it is extremely difficult to imagine Lord Young and James Ross can co-exist." He added: "If we have to turn

on its head what was announced last week then we have got to be prepared to do that. The present position is unsustainable." He went on to warn that there is a worry that unless something is done, the company will become vulnerable to takeover "for all the wrong reasons",

Those favouring Lord Young say that he has the support of the non-executives and that Mr Ross will be forced to knuckle under or quit. But there are con-

opinion and, in particular, on whether Mr Ross has won backing from Ulrich Hartmann, the head of Veba, C&W's European partner, which has a 10.48 per cent stake in the group.

One insider said that Mr

Ross is increasingly irritated by what he sees as Lord Young's interference with day-to-day running, and by deals he has struck, which Mr Ross considers outside the main thrust of the group. The chief executive's drive is to build a tripartite structure based on Asia, the US where C&W is in negotiations with Nynex - and on Europe. But there is also a view that

Young's ability to open doors. According to a former C&W employee: "David Young is an affable wheeler-dealer while James Ross is a scientific manager with no strategic vision speedy tailor for the 1990s. He added that Linus Cheung, the executive director in charge of C&W's all-important Hong Kong Telecom arm, would be in favour of any solution that gave

him more autonomy. "He complained at one point that he had to get permission from London to go to the bathroom," he said. A key problem for Mr Bischoff is that, should the battle end in Mr Ross's departure,

Lewis, who in September resigned abruptly as chief executive of C&W's Mercury Communications subsidiary after only nine months in the job, was seen as a natural successor. Ironically, Mr Lewis left because he did not see eye-to-eye with the man he was apparently destined to succeed

Insiders say the dark horse is Rod Olsen, the C&W finance director, who is highly respected. But one said that Mr Lewis. who is credited with rapidly turning around Mercury's fortimes, could be recalled - he has yet to take up another post.

Eggar demands action by Recs over competition

MARY FAGAN

A row has erupted between the Government and the electricity industry over the planned introduction of competition in the domestic market in 1998. Tim Eggar. Minister for Industry and Energy, has written to the 12 re-gional firms accusing them of failing to prepare the ground for the change, and warning that he will not delay the starting date. Industry sources say that in

a letter from the Department of Trade and Industry sent to the 12 regional chairmen within the last few weeks, Mr Eggar demanded urgent action on competition, led by the companies' top management. A Whitehall source said that the minister has been angered by suggestions from some firms that competition should be shelved. The source said: "He is not

prepared to be presented with a claim that it is all too difficult and needs to be deferred to a later date. The companies keep coming up with problems, but

He added that Mr Eggar was outraged by the view among some in the industry that introducing competition – which was envisaged when the companies were privatised - remains a matter for the Government.

frustrated at resistance in the industry to pilot projects in advance of full competition, along the lines of those planned in gas supply from April next year. He is in favour of two or three substantial pilots but, although the idea has also been floated by the industry watchdog, Professor Stephen Littlechild, no plans

have been put in place. The electricity industry is already in bitter dispute over who should pay for the new computer systems - estimated to cost up to £300m - which are needed to bring competition in electricity supply to 22 million homes. But the Government is thought to have made it clear that there should be no undue costs for consumers caused by wrangling and foot-dragging tor is even now braced for the within the sector.

Professor Littlechild, who is overseeing the 1998 plans, is expected shortly to publish his National Power and Power views on how the costs of in- Gen, to the Monopolies and



Warning letter: Tim Eggar, the Energy Minister, who has been angered by what he sees as inaction over competition in the electricity industry Photograph: PA

troducing competition should be borne. But he is unlikely to meet demands from the regional firms that costs should be passed on to consumers as soon as they arise, rather than when the benefits of competition

have been realised. The débacle over competition comes at a difficult time for the companies, which have been diverted by the frenzy of merger and takeover activity. The sec-Government's decision on whether to refer bids for re-

Mergers Commission. Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, could announce his conclusion today.

There is speculation that the

bids - National Power's for Southern Electric and Power-Gen's for Midlands Electricity - could become the first to be referred because of the resulting concentration of power in the industry. Were this to happen, some industry sources believe that the two regional firms might decide to merge instead. rather than be swooped on by US or European predators while the MMC carries out its

Separately, Welsh Water is believed to be preparing to mount a bid for South Wales Electricity at more than £11 per share, valuing the company at

over £1bn. Swalec met Welsh Water last Friday but there was no clarification on whether there would be any bid or on a potential price. Weish Water claims that t cannot value Swalec until it forms an idea of the worth of the National Grid Company, which is owned by the 12 regional firms and is due for flotation on 11 December. Grev-market dealings in the Grid begin later this week.

Fight over role of Cadbury 2

PETER RODGERS and

The Stock Exchange and CBI have mounted a campaign to keep as narrow as possible the terms of reference of the successor to the Cadbury commit-

tee on corporate governance. The two organisations are both reluctant to see a reopening of major issues affecting the boardroom, following a series of high-profile inquiries culminating in the Greenbury Committee on top pay.

The chairman of the second-stage Cadbury committee, Sir Ronald Hampel, is to be confirmed shortly, following completion of members with a

nominee to represent the CBI. Foot-dragging by the employers' organisation had been blamed for a long delay in setting up the committee, but it now appears that the committee's remit has been an equally contentious issue.

Adair Turner, the CBI director general, complained recently about "corporate governance fatigue" in the boardroom and called on the new committee to look at ways of easing the burden of compliance for smaller companies.

The Stock Exchange, which s participating in the new committee as an observer, said companies had been dealing with a wide range of corporate ernance issues recently and it was important to ensure they concept of regular voting, but were not overburdened. There more needs to be done." has been a mounting rearguard cent changes in corporate governance, especially those put forward by Greenbury, which

by changes in the Stock Exchange rule book.

The start date for some measures has been put back and others, including the composition and duties of remuneration committees and the way pension values are calculated, have been delayed for further consultation. The pensions proposals, which will show huge pension boosts whenever directors receive large salary increases, have caused dismay because of the likely public uproar.

Separately, the National Association of Pension Funds has added a twist to the corporate governance debate, urging its members to play a greater role The move by the NAPF, which represents almost 1,500 pension scheme managers and other experts, comes amid accusations that pension funds have been abdicating their responsibili-ties and effectively backing the status quo by not using their votes when they are entitled to.

A briefing issued yesterday by the NAPF stresses that voting was a shareholders' duty and a chance to improve corporate governance in the companies its members are involved in. Dr Ann Robinson, its director general, said: "Pension funds own more than a third of the ordinary shares in UK quoted companies. Many major investing institutions are now showing a voluntary commitment to th

The NAPF guidance says: action against some of the re- "Unless major investing institutions can show ... commitment to ... regular voting, compulsion will almost certainly be introare to be implemented mainly duced by legislation."

£3bn tax cuts 'could cause spending overshoot'

investigation.

PAUL WALLACE **Economics Editor**

The National Institute of Economic and Social Research is warning against tax cuts even of £3bn, which most political pundits believe is the least the Government can offer in order to win the next general election.
The institute says that cuts at

this level would lead to the Government overshooting its key measure of spending by 3 per cent this year. The spending control total, which excludes cyclical social security spending and debt-interest payments.

will rise by 2.1 per cent in real target of 2.5 per cent or less next the most striking aspect of the terms this year, it says. At the year, it forecasts that underly-time of the last Budget, a fall of ing inflation – which excludes the rate of wage increases has 0.9 per cent was forecast.

The institute says tax cuts might be justified if financed by spending cuts but is sceptical that sufficient reductions can be achieved. It argues that the question the Chancellor should address in the Budget is Britain's savings shortfall. A cut in government borrowing would lead not only to an increase in domestic saving but also to a rise

in domestic investment. The institute expects the Government to miss its inflation

mortgage interest payments will run at about 3 per cent at

the end of 1996. Growth in the economy is expected to slow to 2.4 per cent, in 1995. with growth in domestic demand led by consumer spend-ing and fixed investment. Unemployment will drop by 300,000 next year, partly because of the introduction of the jobseeker's allowance and the eventual impact of the new incapacity benefit.

The institute points out that

been so subdued despite the sharp fall in unemployment. Real average earnings, it says, are likely to fall by 0.5 per cent

By contrast when there was a fall in unemployment of similar size in 1987-88, real average earnings rose by 2.5 to 3 per cent a year. However, it cautions that part-time working has increased and unemployment among men is still close to 10 per cent, according to the

Labour Force Survey.

Bifu leader attacks softly-softly Blair

BARRIE CLEMENT Labour Editor

Tony Blair's softly-softly approach towards the financial establishment came under fire vesterday from the newly elected leader of Britain's biggest

banking union. In a decisive break with the intently loyalist approach of his predecessor - and the present acquiescence of other failure to intervene in the pro-

over as general secretary of the 130,000-strong Banking Insur-ance and Finance Union in March, called on the Labour leadership to follow the lead of the Liberal Democrats and the Scottish Nationalists, and to

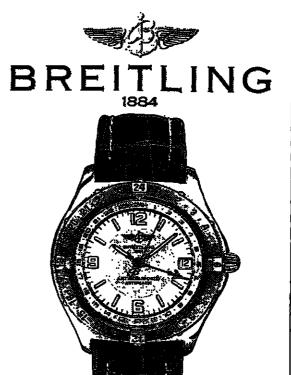
Commission. Mr Blair had told the union that he will only pronounce on the merger after completing union leaders - Ed Sweeney ex-pressed his "incredulity and consultations with manage-ment. Mr Sweeney pointed out frustration" over Mr Blair's that it had been several weeks since the proposed deal was anposed merger of Lloyds and the TSB. Mr Sweeney, who takes under threat.

sion of a new super union for and senior management. The the finance sector, which would include the three remaining staff associations at the clearing banks and organisations repreback a reference to the Mo-senting employees at building vice-led approach to a policy nopolies and Mergers societies and insurance

> week by a margin of three to and even positively encourone, declared his intention to oppose the "short-termism" of lobbying and industrial action if necessary. Unlike the present general secretary, Leif Mills, Mr Sweency seems to feel free to mained in office unopposed.

In an interview, he also set out for the *Independent* his vi-ings of the Labour leadership ings of the Labour leadership general secretary-elect believes the big financial companies and high street banks have moved away from a customer and serbased on the enrichment of shareholders. He alleged that Mr Sweeney, elected last low staff morale was accepted,

aged, by some companies. The new Bifu leader is the the City using Parliamentary first elected general secretary of the union - Mr Mills, was appointed before laws prescribing ballots were introduced, and re-



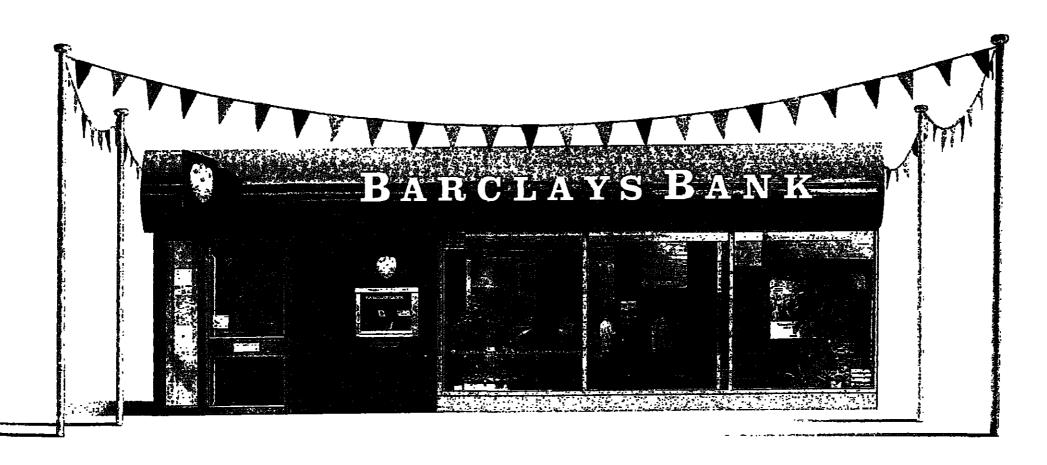
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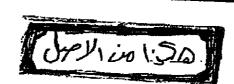
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GAVYN DAVIES

Whenever it comes. EMU now seems certain to involve much tougher controls over budgetary policy than any British government, certainly any Tory government. could accept."

France opens its arms to Waigel's tough plan

On a visit last week to some of America's tously. Even if we are only seeing a tempolargest international investors. I was rary inventory correction that will blow struck by two strong themes about the European economy that kept on cropping up. First. US equity investors are quite fearful that a new contraction may be hitting Europe. This reportedly started in mid-year, has intensified in the current quarter, and now applies as much in the UK as it does on the

Second, most Americans blame these developments on attempts by certain economies to tighten fiscal or monetary policy in order to prepare for monetary union (EMU). This line has been strengthened by recent calls from Germany for new and permanent fiscal controls to be put in place after EMU - an area that was left opaque by the Maastricht Treaty. Proposals for these new budget controls have gone surprisingly unnoticed so far in the UK. But they will certainly prove explosive when the anti-EMU camp begins to focus on them - not least because they are seemingly being imposed by a side agreement between Germany and France, with virtually no reference so far to the rest of the European Union.

Let us start with the talk of "recession" There can no longer be much doubt that European activity has weakened markedly in recent months, particularly in the manufacturing sector. Much of this seems to be due to a rather belated, but now quite sharp, downward adjustment in stock levels, and there are no signs this is abating. Figures out last week showed the biggest monthly drop in EU order books this year, with a further build-up in unwanted stock levels.

There were huge drops in order books in both France and Germany last month, and the UK now seems to be getting sucked into this Europe-wide phenomenon. Price inflation pressures in the manufacturing sectors throughout Europe are dropping precipiover next year, it certainly should, and almost certainly will, force a co-ordinated cut in European interest rates fairly soon.

It is far from clear, though, that this set-back in activity should be blamed mainly on the EMU process. The accusation here is that attempts to comply with the budgetary targets in the Maastricht Treaty are leading to contractionary fiscal policies in the EU, while attempts to stabilise currencies against the German mark are leading to contractionary interest rate policies as well. But in most EU countries, including Italy and the UK, this argument does not seem to stand up. Fiscal corrections would have been necessary in many countries after 1992, regardless of the Maastricht criteria, and monetary policy out-side the core exchange rate mechanism has been completely uncorrelated with that inside it. Furthermore, the drop in output growth this year has been a world-wide phe-nomenon, not one confined to the EU.

But one country where the EMU argument does stand up is France. Until last month, the Chirac/Juppé administration had been making unconvincing attempts to tighten budgetary policy, while also appearing equivocal at times about its commitment to ex-change rate stability. As a result of the confused message this sent to the markets, the risk premium on French interest rates rose significantly, adding to the dangerous contractionary forces already on the loose in the economy. In short, France was getting the worst of all worlds.

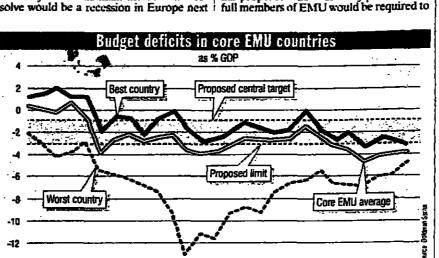
Clearly this could not go on. The watershed came in a summit last month between Chancellor Kohl and President Chirac that has resulted in a new resolve from both sides to give the EMU project a gigantic new push. Since then, the Germans (who have their own reasons, connected to the competitiveness the French franc) have returned to their previous posture of full and unbending support for the French.

And, following the Juppé government's budget proposals, finalised last week, the fiscal stance in France will be decisively tightened by around 1 per cent of GDP in both 1996 and 1997. This will allow the budget deficit to come down to the Maastricht limit (3 per cent of GDP), assuming that real GDP growth is around 2.5-3 per cent per annum in the next two years. Furthermore, it should allow real interest rates in France to fall precipitously, especially if the Bundes-

bank helps by simultaneously cutting rates. So the French and Germans seem to have renewed their determination to get to full EMU by 1999. The main threat to this reget plans into renewed disarray. In the context of much lower GDP growth, France would need to introduce even tougher budget measures to hit the Maastricht targets. and that would almost certainly be too much to ask. In fact, should a recession intervene. the EMU project would get postponed for at least a couple of years. So the only assured route to EMU in 1999 is the route of economic growth, and that requires lower

But whenever it comes, EMU now seems certain to involve much tougher controls over budgetary policy than any British government, certainly any Tory government, could accept. In order to placate the German electorate, the Finance Minister, Theo Waigel has proposed a new "stability pact" that all full members of EMU would be required to

interest rates soon.



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get of 1 per cent of GDP for all countries. with an upper limit of 3 per cent of GDP for the budget deficit during recessions. Countries that exceed the limit would be

fined 0.25 per cent of their GDP for every 1 per cent of GDP by which they miss the limit, and this would be recoverable only if the budget excess were climinated within two years. If the UK were already a member of such a pact, we would now be preparing to pay Brussels a fine of £2bn for this year's budget overshoot - a figure that would certainly get the attention of Bill Cash, among

Actually, the principle of a supra-national agreement to limit budget deficits is a very good one. Because of spill-over effects, one country's budget deficit is another's rise in the global real interest rate. But the Waigel proposal looks much too restrictive. The 1 per cent central target for the budget deficit is much lower than the figure required to stabilise the public debt/GDP ratio in the EMU bloc (2.5 per cent would be enough to do that), and it would require yet another fiscal retrenchment in the early years of EMU. Furthermore, since individual members of

the EMU could no longer respond to recessions by reducing interest rates in their own economies, they might want to ease the fiscal stance by more than they have typically done in the past. Yet, as the graph shows, the 3 per cent Waigel limit on budget deficits would have been triggered by at least one of the likely core EMU members in virtually every year in the past 20. Fines would be an everyday event under the Waigel plan.

Nevertheless, the French have welcomed the Waigel proposal with the alacrity of a forcign legionnaire receiving his first Gauloise after a year lost in the desert. This only goes to show how keen the Chirac government now is to get the EMU deal done.



Net prophet: John Sidgmore, chief executive of Internet operator UUNet Technologies, sees 1996, as the 'year of the European growth spurt' Photograph: Dillon Byden sees 1996 as the 'year of the European growth spurt'

UUNet's search for a British partner is good news in a rapidly expanding market

A Net darling with global plans

made millionaires, even a few billionaires, some of them overnight. Investors, particularly in the US, have snapped up shares in small Internet service companies with near-insatiable gusto, driving prices sky-high and sending price/earnings multiples into the stratosphere.

One of the current darlings, UUNet Technologies, was list-ed this summer, pitched at just \$14 a share. By late last week, the shares had breached the \$90 (£57) mark. That was good news for the shareholders of Unipalm, the UK Internet company that UUNet is proposing to buy. The all-share offer was worth about 450p when it was unveiled last month.

By Friday, on the back of the recent rapid rise in UUNet revenues in 1994 of \$12m shares in New

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Visiting London recently, John Sidgmore, UUNet's chief executive, looked relaxed and confident — remarkably so for a man trying to run a very young company in a fast-changing, highly competitive sector. "It's not difficult to grow in this environment," he said. "Until very recently, we didn't have to make any sales calls; we were just hiring people as fast as we could just to make sure the phones were being answered."

UUNet's core market is business, where the advantages of easy, secure access to the In-

ternet are increasingly apparent.
The company offers a comprehensive range of access op-tions, applications and consulting services, not only directly to business but to oth-

er online service providers such

crosoft, with which it has a strategic alliance to belp roll out

as Bill Gates' Mi-

the Microsoft Network. Microsoft also has a 15 per cent stake in UUNet, and relies on the smaller company to develop and operate a "large-scale, high-speed" network for MSN users.

Formed in 1987 by computer whiz Richard Adams, UUNet has signed up 4,000 business customers, and had

(£7.5m), generating losses of be in operating profit by next while Mr Sidg-

more has to settle for a mere \$110m. As pleased as shareholders appear to be with the company and its management, there are some potential trouble spots ahead. No one is sure to what degree the Internet will blossom into an invaluable corporate tool. Nor is there agreement about technical standards, interconnectivity, software compatibility or even security, perhaps the key issue now facing Inter-

net providers. "We have to be able to make the system secure and reliable," Mr Sidgmore said. It is a cru-cial requirement not only to pro-ny." Mr Sidgmore said. tect copyright and proprietary information but also to permit service providers to charge for their products. The room for

fraud remains huge. THE MONDAY INTERVIEW

JOHN SIDGMORE

"Security is something on strange," Mr Sidgmore said. everybody's mind." Mr Sidgmore said. "But there is a tremendous amount of capital going into security-related matters, and I believe that within a very short amount of time, the problems will be solved."

The Internet access world is also a highly competitive one. Direct competitors include access providers such as Bolt. Beranek & Newman, Netcom suggest that the a threat from large telecomas MCL which are pushing into Internet-related services.

"Of course I'm worried," Mr Sidgmore said disarmingly. "You are a dangerous chief executive if you aren't paranoid and frightened to death about the competition."

But he suggested that being big is not necessarily a guarantee of success. "Sure there are big companies with large resources such as MCI or Cable & Wireless. But big companies have trouble managing the people issues." He believes that small boutique firms will play an important role in the Internet field, in areas ranging from software development to graphic design, even marketing.

People often prefer to work for themselves, and don't feel The problem, often, is a clash

of styles. Large, hierarchical companies find it difficult to communicate with the young. hyper-technologically minded staff that grav-

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"They work odd hours, and work out their tensions in untraditional ways. Nor do many of the very best Internet software developers communicate very well in a

corporate context. We asked one guy, one of our very best software devel-

vestors. promptly fainted. He just The acceleration more said, "we couldn't speak in growth is in public. But he's brillant, so analogous to

going to do, fire him? No." PCs in the 80s Getting skilled help in a fast-growing business is hard enough as it is. "Techno nerds" major contracts, an equity in-terest or even acquisitions, as we are part of the deal. Mr Sidgmore is more a suit and tie man. Formerly a marketing and sales manager at GE's information services division, he left to run Intelicom Solutions, a telecommunications software company,

Sidgmore stayed as president. Venture capitalists backing UUNet approached him last year to put the company on a more commercial footing.

in 1989. The company was

bought by Computer Sciences

Corporation in 1991, but Mr

"People kept asking: 'Why would you do this? Why would you work for this small compa-

ny?' I took it as a challenge. An economist by training, Mr Sidgmore is a great believer in the Internet and its future. The growth of the market has been accelerating recently," he said. "It's analogous to the growth of

the PC market in the 1980s." Mr Sidgmore expects growth in Europe to accelerate partic-ularly quickly, and reckons the UK is roughly 18 months behind the US in the Internet development curve. On that reading, he said, "1996 is the year of the

European growth spurt. International growth is a clear priority. The company is planning to spend \$65m in the US and Canada this year, takopers, to speak to some in- ing the number of cities served

to 150. Thereafter, Mr Sidgare looking at going out into In each case, the company

will seek partbe in the form of terest or even acquisitions, as we have done with Unipalm." Uni-palm, the UK-listed service provider, is UUNet's chosen vehicle for expansion in Europe. "Of all the companies we looked at, Unipalm and we have the most similar structure

Are there any differences between the way the two companies work? Just one, Mr Sidgmore admitted. "The staff in the UK tend to dress better." **Mathew Horsman**

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Where there's smoke there's pressure

We are ensconced in one of our favourite lunchtime eateries in Manhattan this weekend when a man with a worried look settles in a booth just a couple away from our own. He talks in grumbling tones to his companion, rarely lifting his eyes from the table. He is Dan Rather, the veteran newsreader at CBS.

Of course, it may be the grey weather that is weighing on Mr Rather's mood. It is a good bet, however, that he is pondering work matters - the pending takeover of CBS by Westinghouse Corporation, or perhaps last week's brouhaha over revelations of self-censorship at 60 Minutes, his network's flagship current affairs show. Or, indeed, a combination of both.

What happened at 60 Minutes, a Sunday-night fixture, rattled the rafters not just of CBS but of the whole industry. Under pressure from network lawyers, the producers emasculated a planned story on efforts by the tobacco industry to suppress the results of its own research into nicotine and cancer by yanking an interview with a former employee of a large tobacco company - Brown & Williamson, a subsidiary of British American Tobacco - for fear that it would provoke a multi-billion-dollar lawsuit.

was especially concerned that the interviewee had signed a

agreement with Fear of the tobacco industry has led the Cynics might B&W on leaving mighty CBS network to censor itself the company and was in effect be-

ing invited to breach it on air. In theory, B&W could have accused CBS of so-called "tortious interference" and hit it with a very hefty lawsuit indeed. In the mid-1980s. Texaco was sued for tortious interference for trying to break up the merger of the Pennzoil Company and Getty Oil and was forced to pay \$10.5bu in damages. The episode pushed Texaco into bankrupicy protection in 1987. CBS evidently took fright.

But the journalistic uproar was instant. It did not help that this was 60 Minutes, the very bastion of no-fear, no-favour television journalism. It also tweaked unusually raw nerves because it was the tobacco industry that was involved. While from some angles the cigarette-makers seem to be on the run from journalists and the US government - the Food and Drug Administration is considering classifying tobacco as an addictive drug - they still wield awesome power. Power to sway politicans - the industry is the biggest contributor to the Republican Party - and also to cow television networks.

Editorialists, columnists and commentators expounded The legal department at CBS widely on the crisis of the corrosion of free expression in the

press. "This act of self-censor-ship by the country's most pow-erful and aggressive television tween the broadcast date of the show in question on 12 No-vember and the meeting of ship by the country's most pow-erful and aggressive television news programme sends a chiliing message to journalists investigating industry practices everywhere," boomed the New York Times. Among journalists at CBS who joined in the chorus was Mr Rather, who argued that whatever the cost to his employer of a lawsuit from

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B&W, "it wouldn't cost as much as it's going to cost us if we get a reputation for folding every time somebody threatens us".

Most poignant was the display of embarrassment and chagrin on 60 Minutes itself when the neutered version of the tobacco story was aired two Sundays ago. In what he called a "personal note" at the end of the programme, the veteran reporter Mike Wallace bitterly explained that CBS had, "seen fit to give in to perceived threats of legal action against it". He later said on radio that he would resign if the same thing were to happen again.

Then there is the Westing-

coincidence of timing be-

CBS shareholders that was scheduled for just four days later to approve Westinghouse's \$5.4bn takeover offer for the network. It is not inconceivable that CBS managers were unwilling to risk a big lawsuit at the very moment when the Westinghouse takeover was so close to consummation, especially when you consider that many among them stand to make huge profits from the buyout. The scenario is more convincing still if you know of a sim-

ilar saga that recently beset CBS's rival, ABC. A year and a half ago, Philip Morris, home of the Marlboro Man, walloped ABC with a \$10bn suit - the biggest libel action in history after one of its current affairs programmes, Day One, which has since been axed, alleged that the company had been deliberately spiking its cigarettes with nicotine to raise addiction levels among its smokers. ABC did nothing for 18 months, until, io and behold, in August this year it settled out of court, paying Morris a reported \$15m to cover legal fees. And what else happened to ABC at about that time? It, like CBS, also pro-

Some easy conclusions can be

drawn. For one, the tobacco in-dustry, for all the battering it has been taking of late, is still a power to be reckoned with. For another, in this country certainly, lawyers are on the up escalator in the news business while journalists appear to be riding down, taking the First Amendment of the American Constitution with them. Another is less certain, but perhaps more worrying still. As industrial combines gradually become the masters of all media outlets remember that NBC, the other network, is already controlled by General Electric - so corporate concerns of profit and protection against risk take over from journalistic principles.

This is the fear expressed by Frank Rich of the New York Times. "If this is how cautiously ABC and CBS are behaving before they are swallowed by Disney and Westinghouse, what will happen to these networks' news divisions after the sales are completed and they are owned by even larger corporate behemoths? If bottomless corporate coffers can buy off elected officials and scare off news organisations as huge as CBS, who will defend the public interest?" No wonder Mr Rather seemed to be looking at his



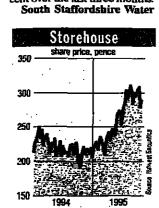
Rough country: Last year's \$10bn lawsuit against ABC by Philip Morris, home of the

Mariboro Man, has spread fear among the networks

business

TODAY

Emap is set to increase pre-tax profits by 49 per cent to £33.1m. with a 48 per cent rise in earnings per share to 11.7p. Forecast increase in interim dividend of 36 per cent to 3.4p. Emap's organic growth was helped by several acquisitions and the shares have outperformed the market by 6 per cent over the last three months.



profits are expected to rise 9 per cent to £7.8m. Diploma defies dramatic falls in the rest of the electronic components sector with profits down margin-ally from £8.6m to £8.3m.

Finals: ABI Leisure. Interims: Filofax Group, Applied Holographies, Capitol Group, James Cropper, DBS Management, Needler Group

Annual meetings: Hays, Ecu Trust, John Haggas. EGMs: Cordiant. Molyneux Estates.

The initial estimate for GDP growth in the third quarter is not expected to be revised in figures released today. Attention will focus on the contributions of different categories of expenditure - especially stockbuilding. If the excess stock levels built up during the second quarter were not run down very much in the third, it will be a pointer to further weakness in the economy. Statistics: The provisional es-

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countries outside the EU in Octoher is forecast by Deutsche Morgan Grenfell to be about the same as September's £696m deficit. September saw a big improvement from a shock £980m gap in August, due to a recovery in exports to the US, and this should have been sustained. Further details are also due today on capital expenditures and stockbuilding in the third quarter.

WEDNESDAY

Companies Granada Group is forecast to raise profits by 28 per cent to £340m on robust trading with strong operating profits growth

of around 15 per cent.

The TV arm is the biggest contributor and rental continues to be a powerful cash gen-

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Annual meetings: Lloyds Chemists.

THURSDAY

North West Water has had a tough couple of months. through the Norweb bid and these results will provide it with an opportunity to refute its critics. Profits are expected to rise by 6 per cent to £160m and the dividend by 11 per cent to 9p. Storehouse has proved able to protect its bottom line and enhance margins despite disappointment on sales. Profits

cent to 2.9p per share. Finals: On Demand Information, Tomkinsons. Interims: Babcock International, Powell Duffryn, Bogod Group, Brockhampton Holdings, Caledonia Investment, Thomas Locker, Macdonald Martin Distilleries, Tex Holdings, TLG.

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cas Industries, John Maunders. EGMs: BTR Nylex, Johnson Fry Holdings.

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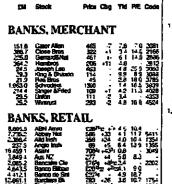
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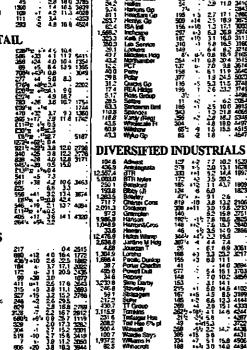
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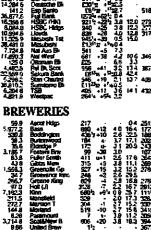
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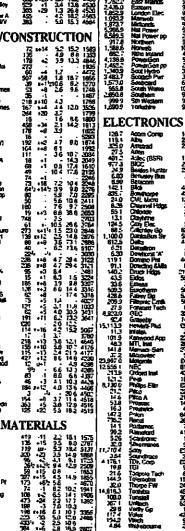
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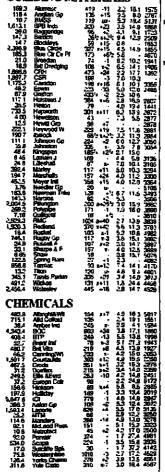






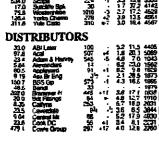


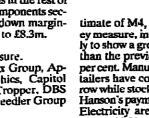












per cent. Manufacturers and retailers have continued to borrow while stocks are run down. Hanson's payments for Eastern Electricity are likely to have boosted M4 growth.

ment are also out.

TOMORROW

Thorn EMP's pre-tax profit is forecast to rise by 27 per cent to £177m on the back of improved earnings from music, rentals and the Japanese subsidiary TOEMI. This will lead to a 17 per cent growth in eps

THE WEEK AHEAD

Vodafone should grow profits by 10 per cent to £205m, held back by overseas losses and higher bonus payments to subscribers. Finals: Amber Industrial Hold-

Capital Partners. Annual meetings: Lucas Industries, Biocure Holdings,

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RACING: Success in Ascot's big chase encourages dreams of dominating Cheltenham's two-mile championship **Sound Man** sends Irish loud signal

here will be smiling faces in Cheltenham this week. turning round bits of card in hotel windows to see the word

The events of the last four days have ensured the guest houses of Gloucestershire will soon have bouncing telephones, with the majority of voices at the other end possessing the same familiar lili.

The task force for Ireland's annual pilgrimage to the Festival next spring will already be mobilising following the suc-cesses of Klairon Davis at Tipperary on Thursday and Sound Man who captured Saturday's First National Bank Gold Cup at Ascot.

These were the horses that composed the forecast at Prestbury Park in the Arkle Chase in March and it may well be that they provide a similar scenario in this season's Queen Mother Champion Chase.

Klairon Davis has already been committed to the two-mile chasing championship but Sound Man showed on Saturday that he has a broader range. Edward O'Grady, the latter's trainer, is still considering a return over the Irish Sea for the

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RICHARD EDMONDSON COMMENTARY

urday, believes the minimum distance is the horse's best trip. It was difficult for him, or anyone else, to tell after Ascot's race. After the departure of Morceli, Sound Man was eased down so considerably that by the time he crossed the terrain at the winning post there were probably worms underneath

travelling more quickly. Warren Marston, Morceli's jockey. later said that the striking grey was going well at the time of his fall and would almost certainly have played a decisive hand in the finish (the bestknown statement of Mandy Rice-Davies springs to mind here). Morceli's first fall over obstacles does not appear to King George VI Chase at have brought with it lasting Kempton on Boxing Day, al- damage. "He seems in A1 conthough Richard Dunwoody, dition," Sue Johnson, wife of the who rode the gelding on Sat- gelding's trainer, Howard, said

2.30 Wiltoski

3.30 Henrietta Howard

......M Clinton (3)Chris Webb

......N Molloy (7)S Curren (3)

3.00 Iffeee

GOING: Good to Firm (Good in places).

Right-hand, undulating course with a run-in of one furiong.

Course is 6m W of town off A20. Westenhanger station (service from London, Charing Cross) adjoins course. ADMISSRON: Club \$12 (under-16s free); Tattersalls \$8.50.

CAR PARE: Free; Course Enclosure \$4, plus \$4 for each occupant.

■ LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS: J Gifford — 13 winners from 62 runners gives a success ratio of 21.3% and a loss to 5.51 level stake of 57.33: B Bowe — 9 winners, 47 runners, 19.1%, +52.31; M Pipe — 7 winners, 25 runners, 26.1%, -50.92; D Grissell — 7 winners, 51 runners, 13.7%, -515.17.

E LEADING JOCESTS: A Magnire — 12 winners, 60 rides, 17.4%, -519.99; E Denvoody — 10 winners, 51 rides, 19.6%, -511.73; J Osborne — 7 winners, 45 rides, 15.6%, -523.43; M Elehards — 6 winners, 25 rides, 24%, +510.73.
WINNERS IN LAST SEVEN DAYS: Jimmy O'Dea (3.00) won at Leicester on Monday. LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: lifece (3.00) has been sen; 313 miles by P Rowen from Haverfordwest, Dyfed; Leeswood (2.30) sent 225 miles by R Lee from Byton, Shropshire.

1.00 BREDE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS E) £3,000 added 2m 6f 110yds Penalty Value £2,343

BETTHEE: 4-5 Millsocent, 2-1 Script, 8-1 Rolling Waters, Celtic Lilley, 20-1 Hi Hedley, 25-1 Mass-field House, 50-1 Sheat Sovereign 1994: Desmond Gold 6 10 12 D Bridgedfer 10-11 (Mts. D Hame) 11 ran

FORM GUIDE This looks the right opportunity for MILLIMOUNT. She has given only one moderate perfor-



The fir flies as Crown Eyeglass comes down at the Chair during Young Hustler's race at Aintree on Saturday

yesterday. "It was quite a nasty fall but he has come back fine. He just has a slight graze."

Saturday was a day when the key to O'Grady's drinks' cabinet would have been employed. At Navan he won the bumper with Telescope and the bumper prize with Gimme Five. who took the IR£15,000 Troytown Chase. Gimme Five is owned by J P McManus, who also has a share in Sound Man, along with several other sound businessmen. The gelding's coowners include David Lloyd, Britain's Davis Cup captain, who recently sold his chain of

leisure centres to earn himself £20m, John Magnier, Vincent O'Brien's son-in-law, and Mc-Manus himself, whose income became so swollen that he had

RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Kings Harmony (Southwell 1.20) NB: Quality (Southwell 2.20)

to move to Switzerland to preserve his funds.

Any one of them could spoil the market this afternoon for the Bradford Selling Handi-

VICOSA'S neck defeat by Ramstar at Newbury 12 days ago amounts to a great deal (the winner was disappointing lest season and third-placed Dr Rocket found the ground too fast), yet at least he is heading the right way. This winning insh hundler had kept on to take fourth behind Rex To The Rescue at Kempton a week earlier on his first try over fences and is like to in minimae areas. His luminar has been sound. Days Of Thunder made mistakes before

behind Rex To The Rescue at Kempton a week earlier on his first by over feroes and is likety to improve again. His jumping has been sound. Days of Thunder made mistakes before
beating the only other finisher in a three-numer nowces' chase at Cartmel in August. It is
always possible his jumping will let him down, but he did not do a lot wrong when numerup to Regal Romper at Bangor the time before. He is in good trim after winning a celebral
ty race on the fist at Huntington 10 days ago. Queens Constructor never got into it behind
Millies Own at Exeter on his chasing debut lest month. His hunting form makes it doubtful
if there is any great improvement in him, yet at least chesing newcomer Desent Challengor
ran his best race over hundles for some time on his latest outing when a close fourth behind Can Can Charlie at Kempton.

Sefection: VICOSA.

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BETIRES 2-1 Framewood, 3-1 Denne Flight, 7-1 Expet De Femme, Pettangh, Wistocki, 6-1 Woodlands Boy, 12-3 others 19-2 (R O'Stellen) 15 ran

ESPRIT DE FEMBLE was up against some in-form horses at Kempton last time and, with Moobaldky setting a good pace, she was never able to adopt her oustomany front-unning role. She had shated well enough over an inadequate trup at Fortiveit the time before and has a lot more chance in today's company, even with top weight. Fitanaewood made a winning start last season, so there must be every hope of her shrugging asole an absence since coming home a comfortable winner at Southwelf 11 months ago. Pettaugh is a bit one count, he gets 22to from Esprit De Fernine and that must make him a dengar, in between spells of nowice chasing last season, he was twice placed in long-distance hundle roces at Humingdon and had en encouraging cometact at Towcester last month. Woodfands Boy found his niche in staying chases when conditions were testing last season. Today's ground over an insufficient tip could be a bit too levely for him, white Wittosid's final buo outings as season disease the fact that he is only a plater. Dentifir, who won a seller at Taunton

isst season disgues the fact that he is only a plater. Dentify, who won a seller at Tauthor last season, at least head Bayland Prisce a long way back in third when runner-up to previous wither Cell Me Albi at Plumpon last time and that form compares favourably at weights with what Dawn Fagist has been doing tately. Selections ESPRIT DE FEMILE.

3.00 DAILY MAIL HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS F) £5,000 added 3m 2f Penalty Value £3,548

- 7 decimed -Affairmm weight: 10st, True handloop weight: Brown Rose Set Gb.
BETTING: 11-4 Columnellie, 3-1 Vicer Of Bray, 7-2 January O'Dee, 4-1 Nicee, 8-1 Green Walk, 12-1
Handsome Ned, 20-1 Brors Rose
1994: Vicer Of Bray 7: 10 0 A Magure 5-1 (G Belding) 12 cm

FORM GUIDE

Peter Boweri has rekindled the Interest of The Blue Boy and Royal Saxon in the past and SPPEEE has taken on a new lease of life since joining the stable after being mostly up against it in good hunter chases last season. Three times in recent weeks lifece has made the long hauf from Dyfed to Sedgefield and winning each time. He has not beaton arrything of note but has gone up only \$100, and the way he toyed with the opposition last time suggests another long journey will be successful. Jimsey O'Den ran his best race for a long time when numer-up to Change The Reign at Market Rasen 18 days ago and was able to reverse the form with the winner on 3th better terms at Leasester last Monday. Life lifece, he is a front-numer. Vicer O'Bray beat Over The Streem and Cool And Easy in a more competitive contest for this race logit year. He was only a novice and should have come on the amount he has been raised with experience, but his form has been vaned and he needs to run to his best. Columnille is flattered by her form figures – from point-to-points and weak noxice chases – while Handsome Ned is unproven over the trip.

Selection: IFFEEE.

~ 0 uscarros ~ SETTRÍC: 7-4 Supreme Kellycerra, 2-1 Henriette Hoverd, 4-1 Mannad, 6-1 Rossan Heights, 14-1 China Rossa, 25-2 Coldon Affair

FORM GUIDE

Josh Gifford has a 1,00 per cent record from the two bumper horses he has run so far this

PETRUSH (47) IS A Hubbard G Hubbard 7 10 8.

cap Hurdle at Catterick, where O'Grady allows one of the relative sluggards from his yard a run out. Catwalker has yet to win after 11 starts over obstacles, but then he has never performed in selling company before (Ireland has no such level of competition).

Today's cards, and others for some while, will have to go ahead without the participation of Adrian Maguire. The Irishman, who cracked a bone just above his ankle in a fall at Ascot on Friday, may be out for up to a month, and out of the jockeys' championship, too, ac-

as well following the evidence he can cope with Aintree's fences. cording to the bookmakers. With Coral he is out to 12-1 Nigel Twiston-Davies's horse is (from 4-1) to improve on his runner-up position of the last now 14-1 (from 25-1) for next year's Grand National and 8-1 two seasons. Dunwoody. Maguire's conqueror for the last (from 12-1) for Saturday's Hennessy Gold Cup at Newbury. two years, is almost equally

unfancied at 10-1 as he has issued a statement that he intends to ride in Ireland much more this campaign. This clears the decks for a new order, and according to the odds the new name on the scroll will be either David Bridgwater (4-6) or Tony McCoy (13-8).

The prices about Young Hustler dropped over the weekend Chris Maude will keep the ride.

rematch Boxing

Weir set

for WBO

Paul Weir's claims for an immediate World Boxing Organ-isation title rematch against Baby Jake Matlala will be backed by Wiso Fernandez, the Puerto Rican referee who cut short his championship defence in Glasgow last night.

Fernandez, a seasoned camremandez, a seasoned cam-paigner of 77 world title fights, admits to having "mistook" the views of the ringside doctor be-fore stopping Weir's light-fly-weight championship defence on a fifth-round gashed eye at the Kelvin Hall and will "advise" the WBO to order a second fight.

A decision in Weir's favour now looks sure to be taken at the WBO's forthcoming convention starting in Las Vegas at the end of the month, and the 28-yearold Scot could be fighting the hero from Soweto, Matiala, for his former title in late February.

"I mistook what the doctor said," Fernandez revealed through an interpreter. "But the referee is the man in charge. I am going to advise the WBO to order a return match.'

The ringside doctor, Earnonn Brankin, said: "Weir will need a couple of stitches but I felt at that stage it was safe enough to continue. I was not consulted; it was down to the referee's decision."

The fight ended abruptly when blood streamed from a gash undemeath the Scot's right eyebrow. When Fernandez intervened, nobody was sure whether a "no decision" would be declared or that the referee would go to the bow injury to ride Young judges for a points tally and a technical verdict.

It looked more like a case of chance after decapitation it indecision until Fernandez took the second option, ruled that an unintentional head clash had occurred. Matiala had a point deducted but was still the justified victor by a 38-37 margin on all

Simpson's

splendid

enterprise

Great Britain's women took a

major step in their Olympic qual-

ifying campaign here yesterday,

thanks to a splendid goal from

Scotland's Rhona Simpson in the

In a disappointing first half Britain found it difficult to get into their stride and only a su-

perb defensive performance

from Karen Brown ensured a blank half-time scoreline. After the interval Britain

moved forward with more con-

viction but it was not until mid-

way through the half that the decisive goal came. A quickly taken free hit from Chris Cook found Simpson, who bore down

on the Chinese circle and, after

riding a crunching tackle,

crashed the ball into the net.

GREAT BRITAIN: I Toompoon (powerls): S Fraser (Grove), Addidas (capt. Bradford Swith-enbank), K Brown (Sough), L Cope (Balsam Lecesser): M Davies (Suffon Canada Life), P Robertson (Grove), T Willer (Cifnon): I Sta-smath (Suffon Canada Life), S MecDonald (Glasgow Western), A Bonnestt (Slough), Sub-stitutes areact R Slangson (Echhough), M Nicholls (Slough), C Cook (Highnown).

Notations (Stought, C Cook (Hightown). CHINA: Hong Ping Ding Hong Cher, Yan Hong Wang, Jing Chen, Dong Hong Car; Limes Qui, Hau Tang, Aanpin Chen; Ying Lin, Hulping Yang, Hong Bing Yang, Substituties used: Hong-met Ao, Junios Huang.

Results, Sporting Digest,

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Great Britain

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China

BILL COLWILL reports from Cape Town

SOUTHWELL HYPERION

12.30 Dr Caligari 12.55 Leading Princess 1.20 Kings Harmony 1.50 Northern Grey (ab) 2.20 Roman Gold 2.50 La Brief 3.20 Jemima Puddieduck 3.50 Bold Gem

GOING: Standard. DRAW ADVANTAGE: Low for 5f. STALLS: 6f, 7f, 8f and 1m 3f - inside; remainder - outside. Fibresand surface; left-hand sharp, oval course.
Course is 5m W of Newark. Rolleston Junction as DMISSION: Chb 512; Tattersalls 56 (OAP members of ourse's Diamond Club 54, under-16s free). CAE PARK: Free.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Fallel (12.55), Paramer's Tern (3.20),

Jemima Pradileduck (3.20).
Jemima Pradileduck (3.20).
WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATS: Double Diamond
(2.20) & La Brief (2.50) won here on Thursday.
LONG-DISTANCE EUNNERS: Leading Princess (12.55) has een sem 264 miles by Miss L Perratt from Ayr, Strathchyde.

12.30 CHAD LIMITED STAKES (CLASS F)
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- 16 deciased -BETTING: 5-1 Donia, 8-1 Miss Jennama, Dr Caligari, Threath, 10-1 Love

12.55 TOGO FILLIES HANDICAP (CLASS F) (DIV I) £3,150 added 6f

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1.20 MOZAMBIQUE MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,000 added 2YO 6f

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10-1 Sharp 'N' Shardy, Gotta Bird, Kingdom Princess, 14-1 others. 00 SHARP N' SHADY (17) C Well 8 9 1.50 CHAD LIMITED STAKES (CLASS F) (DIV II) £3,150 added 1m

......J Stack (3) ...Dom: McKeown 1K Fallon 505000 RIVER WIE (7) J Csr 3 8 12 S Moris 8
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00003 LADY SEX (14) (5) Mes J Caze 4 8 9 S Webster 12
52363 MATISSE (21) Bernal 4 8 9 A Whelam (5) 15
046000 SIMET ALLESANCE (22) J Pouton 5 8 9 G Defined 13

Photograph: Simon Wilkinson

A bulletin from Carl Llew-

ellyn (who once contemplated

riding in the National with a

broken leg) yesterday suggest-

ed he would be back from an el-

Hustler. But as the Welshman

would give himself a 50-50

2.20 IAN LOFTUS PRINTING NURSERY HAND-ICAP (CLASS C) £7,500 added 2YO 1m 114521 DOUBLE DIAMOND (4) (C) M Johnson 9 13 (Sec).

BETTIVIC 2-1 Double Diamont, 11-4 Quality, 3-1 Roman Gold, 5-1 Abritic, 12-1 Los Alamos, 14-1 Boundary Bird, 16-1 Stx Clerics, 25-1 others 2.50 KIM FEARS 39TH BIRTHDAY AGAIN HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,250 added 2m

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BETTING: 11-4 Pasadise Navy, 3-1 County, 6-1 Phanty Democr, 7-1 La Brief, 8-1 Kadiri, 10-1 Coloridge, Castle Secret, 12-1 others

| 3.20 ZAMBIA SELLING STAKES (CLASS F) £3,650 added 1m 3f |
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| 2 000- SHEECKY (398) B Mollanon 4 9 3 |
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| 12 03400 FARMER'S TERN (7) W Janes 3 8 7 |
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| 10-1 Farmer's Term, 12-1 Jewisse Paddinduck, 16-1 others |

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Josh Gentri ites a July per com lector from the text but but per massar in reas har as our use season and his Supreme Kellycarra beax 14 others decisively at Exetz. Legiton Aspel mole both and keeps the nole on Supreme Kellycarra because Philip Hide is on Stablemate ROWAN HEIGHTS. The mariet will soon reflect who is most fancied. Height tall Height tall the mariet will soon reflect who is most fancied. Height Height Height have promising first show. Selections ROWAN HEIGHTS. - 7 deciared Norman weight: 10st. You hicap weights: Queens Contractor, Our hilled Set 12b, Danie's Delight Set 10b. SETTING: 6-4 Viscos, 7-2 Days Of Thunder, 4-1 Our hilled, 7-1 Queens Contractor, 10-1 Upward Surgio, 12-1 Desert Challenger, 20-1 Desire's Delight 1984: no corresponding rece CATTERIEK HYPERION 12.40 Lesley's Angel 1.10 Emral Miss 1.40 Cat-walker 2.10 ALLIMAC NOMIS (nap) 2.40 Master Of The Rock 3.10 Hurricane Blake 3.40 Direct Route

GOING: Good to Firm.

Light-hand course, undulating and sharp. Run-in 240yda.

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Carter starts Loughtonians celebrations

It was a wonderful weekend for Loughtonians, who moved to the top of the National League by beating the leaders, Reading, 4-3 on Saturday and then disposed of Colchester 9-0 in the third round of the Hockey Association Cup yesterday, writes Peter Colwill.

Against Reading, the Old Boys were indebted to their Australians, Brian Feltham, who scored twice, and Steve Carter, who opened the scoring. Reading's reply included two corner conversions by the German Max Klink, who was making his debut.

Reading took their revenge against Bournemouth, putting 11 goals away without reply. Chris Keevil, Jon Wyatt and Mark Hoskin each recorded hat-tricks.

Cannock, who moved into second place in the league by beating Surbiton 3-0, also flourished in the Cup, winning 6-1 against Sheffield. Robert Crutchley scored four there to add to his two in the league and that took his total to 15, one ahead of Dharminder Singh from Barford Tigers.

This looks the right opportunity for MILLMOUNT. She has given only one moderate performance in her last five starts with top weight in testing conditions and rain right up to her best on her reappearance when second to Goldenswitt over this trip at Stratfort. The winner proved just too strong for her and there is nothing as good in this field. Script reverts to a more suitable trip after his one-paced third behind fight first and Royal Thimble at Plumpton (2m 11) last Monday. He had been similarly placed behind Coulin Loch over this detance at Sandown the time before, though again he was one-paced at the finish. Ceitic Liliesy was the outsider of three when chasing home Holy Sting at a very respectable 15 lengths in resting conditions at Lingfield in March and a better prospect is newcomer Robling Webers, an all-weather flat specialist who ran out an easy winner of a 15-furiong handicap at Wolverhempton in July. Stamina is not going to be a problem but inexpenence might and he also has on blinkers, which he never wore on the Flat.

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INTERNATIONAL RUGBY UNION: Inept start to Rowell's revolution as southern hemisphere asserts customary superiority

England blunder into the wasteland



Running into trouble: Jerry Guscott leads an England break at Twickenham, but as he fends off James Dalton the South African cover defence prepares to pounce

STEVE BALE South Africa

So many questions were asked most of them left unanswered by England's most comprehensive home defeat by the Springboks that Jack Rowell could be excused if he had less idea than ever of how his side should best proceed.

There are horny dilemmas in English rughy on which the manager, always careful to have his off-the-field defences prepared, finds himself impaled, partly because of what lies ahead. Neither a match against Western Samoa nor, more especially. the Five Nations' Championship, is of the requisite con-

sequence in global terms. Big talk, small rugby. Once Mike Catt had given up his early impersonation of the Rob Andrew kicking game he had denigrated, England really did try to move the hall in a style to which they are self-admittedly unaccustomed. And in doing so. they perversely revealed that they would probably have been

This was not because the principle was at fault. Far from it: if Rowell knows one thing after his 18 months attempting and so far, let it be said, failing - to guide England in an unfamiliar direction, it is that in general terms the old way of bludgeoning oppositions into submission is a defective philosophy to propound in the most exalted company

But in the specific circumstances of this match it would patently have been better, or at least less bad, to revert to these traditional low-risk methods, to have had the prosaic reliability of Dean Richards, to have had Andrew driving the world champions back to the corners. In other words to have done precisely the same as when the All Blacks were beaten here two years earlier.

It depends absolutely on the priority. Does Rowell, or rather do England, want to build for the present or for the future, knowing that in the past the best long-term planning was always the simple expedient of winning the next match? What serves English rugby better: to defeat South Africa by whatever means or to lose with good in-

The trouble was that this was neither. However cred-

wanting and their execution of the well-meant handling policy so clumsy that the situation cried out for someone in authority to insist on something more measured. Instead, England blundered on.

6 August 1994 v New Zealand (Auckland) drew 18-18 8 October v Argentina (Port Eliza on 42-22 15 October v Argentina (Johannesburg) won 46-26

That is down to leadership, whether from Will Carling as captain or Catt as outside-half and therefore tactical linchpin. While everyone yearns for the triumph of instinct and ambition this can hardly happen when so itably England strove to play as many players, even such senior ones as Carling and Rory Un-

ly talk, their skill levels were so derwood, have so vague an idea of what to do or where and when to do it.

For Catt this was come-uppance in plenty after his disparaging remarks about François Pienaar, the Springbok captain. "Average" is now the

13 April 1995 v W Samoa (Johan-25 May v Australia (Cape Town) won 27-18

<u>South Africa's unbeaten run</u>

3 June v Canada (Port Elizabeth

noble Pienaar's nickname in the South African squad but if the sobriquet applied to anyone at Twickenham it was Catt - which is not to deny his comprehensive gifts as a player, merely to suggest he should let them

playing the Springbok full-timers. But in the end England That it did not happen in this game was down to his own were beaten not only by the poor performance but also a South Africans but by themwider slow-wittedness among the England team. In the They won just as much posmatches to come this will matter less, which is part of Engsession but had less idea of how

17 June v France (Durban) won 19-15 won 15-12 von 40-21 18 Novemb won 24-14

land's difficulty, but against as

implacable an opposition as this such a litany of errors was sheer indulgence.

You can complain, as Rowell did, about the inadequacy of league rugby as preparation or the inevitable inequality and inequity of a contest between

to use it and, critically, England

could produce none of the

flashes of individual brilliance

with which Chester Williams and Joost van der Westhuizen

between them scored the three

Springbok tries. These two.

André Joubert, Ruben Kruger

and Mr Average are players for

whom in this nation-building,

World Cup year inspiration has

have been still worse. On the

one hand. South Africa were pe-

nalised to distraction, 27-7, by

Jim Fleming; on the other, Joel

Stransky, the World Cup final

winner, missed six of nine kicks

at goal. The one consolation was that this failure-rate was poet-

ic justice for his off-the-ball as-

Indeed for England it could

become a commonplace.

is long and awkward. Ask Andrew. The criticism he has unworthily received - from Catt, among others - since retiring from international rugby is nothing compared what went on during his England apprenticeship. That lasted at

Stumbling along a new road



TONY UNDERWOOD

at Twickenham January 1993 was the last time I had to watch an international at Twickenham. Much has changed since then, not least the expectancy of the supporters, which is patently greater -almost to the point of being unreasonable.

This is, of course, testimony to the success the national side had enjoyed. However, one must not lose perspective. Before the game my heart cried out for a win, hoping for a lacklustre Springbok performance and that the turmoil surrounding England's preparation would not affect them. My head said

otherwise, though.

Not being involved allows those doubts, which would ordinarily be dismissed due to positive thinking, to creep in.
This is a new era for England,

hence the decision to go into the game without Dean Richards and Brian Moore. Add to this the retirements of Rob Andrew and Dewi Morris and the result was that the backbone of the side at hooker, No 8 and half-back were all in harness for the first time. Injuries, as well as numerous side issues, also hampered the build-up.

Bear this in mind while you consider the task in hand. A new-look side trying to loosen the shackles, weighed down by expectancy and choosing to do so with no less than the world champions - a team who not even the All Blacks with their renowned attacking prowess could break down.

Of course areas need tightening, not least the ease with which we gave up the ball, but you can point to over-eagerness for many of the errors. It would be easy to find only faults from

It is during this period of time that the team most needs support, not when we are winning Grand Slams. What was disappointing was that midway through the second half, when England had clawed their way back to 16-9 and needed the crowd to get right behind them, they did not seem to be

Maybe it is not in our psyche but the sooner that changes the better. The crowd factor should not be underestimated. Ask any Irishman or South African. One need only look to the World Cup final as a case in point, where you could argue that the crowd was all that split

the two teams. Maybe there were few moments of home delight to give the crowd something to cheer about, but these included some jewels. Up front there were the rampaging runs of Ben Clarke and Martin Johnson and behind some quite breathtaking breaks by Jeremy Guscott, proving that he was not reserving that kind of form for those at the Bath

Recreation Ground. However, as a winger I must really reserve my commendations for Chester Williams. Denied a hat-trick by some questionable officiating, he displayed all the skills required of

a modern-day winger and more. Not for him the bludgeoning thrusts of a Jonah Lomu, rather incisive finishing and great awareness in attack and ferretlike skills in defence. Though perhaps not the prettiest of tries, his second best portrayed his intelligence. Taking a wide position for the second phase ball meant that he caught everyone unawares except for the ever-alert André Joubert. A perfect grubber, a sweet pickup and the defence was always

total rugby given during this sum-mer's World Cup pool game. If so, then there will be plen-

ty to cheer about and the Parc de Princes can be entered into with confidence in January. If not, one thing is for sure - by find just how much patience our

Game of two halves: Catt falters in Andrew's shadow If there was one thing that never "average", would have been quite game was on, Andrew would have ity Indeed at 24 Catt, one can safe-got to Rob Andrew, not in his lat-alien. kicked just as Catt did; the differ-ly say, potentially has more to of-



pressure. But then pressure was never something he would deliberately have created himself. So if you are looking for how An-

drew would have done things dif-

ferently against South Africa from the hapless Mike Catt on Saturday, you could begin before the match. The very notion of running down the opposition, as Catt crassly did when he called François Pienaar

avoided the traumatic effect of Catt's faux pas. During the days leading up to the match, Catt's jibe was not only used as motivation by the Springboks but was also mercilessly picked on by his own team-mates - so much so that by the moment of reckoning at Twickenham Catt's embarrassment was sen his moment rather better. complete, his discomfort total.

would have gone for the corners and been accurate. Thus would England have played the game, as Jack Rowell put it, in the final third of the field. On the other hand, Andrew would hardly have got his line moving any more fluently than Catt did, even if he would probably have cho-

So what it comes down to is It showed in his play. Once the judgement rather than style or abil-

step between promise and fulfilment

least four years; Catt has been England's outside half twice.

sault on Ben Clarke when the No 8 was already fighting with

Mark Andrews. Stransky was fortunate to escape with a reproof from Fleming on the merciful say-so of his touchjudge Ray Megson. The game was into its pro-tracted injury-time when Phil de Glanville, the replacement for

Carling, pulled back an inconsequential try for England. Their best rugby was fashioned when the Springboks were at the point of exhaustion at the end of their epic year of endless victory: 10 in all to make a winning run of 14, only three off the international record set by the New Zealand sides of the late Sixties.

As South Africa's next two Tests are in Australia and New Zealand, the record will probably remain unbroken and as 1996's 11 Tests include five against the All Blacks and two against the Wallabies it would require a sporting miracle for the Springboks to continue as they have in '95. Never mind, this annus mirabilis was miracle

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Scots draw little comfort

BILL LETTH

reports from Murrayfield Scotland Western Samoa

On the last occasion Scotland opened the season with a draw at Murrayfield they went on to finish with their first Grand Slam for 59 years. Things are a bit different now from when Jim Aitken's side held a patchwork New Zealand outfit in 1983 and Scotland, in looking to recover from a disappointment against Western Samoa, can merely seek to take comfort from much more recent history and a notable list of players who should

soon become available again. Last year Scotland improved so dramatically after opening their campaign with a trouncing by South Africa that they figured in a Grand Slam decider at Twickenham and also the likes of Scott Hastings, Tony Stanger, Craig Joiner, Kevin McKenzie and Martin Scott should soon be back back from gaining sharpness with every outing after a 20-month from suspension in three weeks and overtures will be made to his fellow prop Alan Sharp, who has indicated a desire to put Bristol's commitments before Scotland's

Scotland's director of rugby. Jim Telfer, now appears more convinced than ever that the way ahead for Scotland lies in expanded fixture lists for district teams. He also believes that it is asking too much of players to step straight from club rugby into internationals. Telfer, who awarded pass

marks to new caps Jim Hay, Stu-art Reid and Rowen Shepherd sought to balance criticisms of others by blaming the system. They were playing at a level two grades up from that which they are used to playing especially in midfield and as regards

the physical aspect," he said. 'As a rugby nation we should realise that suddenly coming off club matches and expecting to play the top nations in the world is not on. That is a rea-

son not an excuse."
Scotland looked extremely rusty in escaping with their col-

absence. Peter Wright will be free Western Samoa's indiscipline meant a penalty count of 17-3 against them and a wayward conversion attempt by Darren Kellett from almost in front of the posts was also costly. Nowhere was Scotland's frail-

ity more exposed than at the lineout and stand-off, where Craig Chalmers came in for criticism from Telfer for his inability to find touch. Telfer said: "If you can't win clean ball from that phase of the game then your options become severely limited and that's what happened. It is vital to slow the game down by getting the ball safely out of play when you can," he added. "It's a core skill - but Craig wasn't

able to do it consistently enough." Michael Dods had all the Scottish points from five penalties which at one stage had helped to open up potentially match-winning margins of 12-3 and 15-8. But the Samoans had an indomitable spirit which carried them to tries by Leaupepe and Sam Kaleta, the latter converted by Kellett, who also scored an early penalty. The Western Samoan captain, Pat Lam, was naturally disappoint-



"Normally a draw against the likes of Scotland away from home would be hailed as a

DAVID HUGHES Ireland

Chalmers: criticised produce a victory, remarking:

major achievement. But the feeling is a bit hollow after

feeling is a bit hollow after scoring two tries to nil."
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WESTERN SANDOL: V Paul (Wagie; B Linta (Porsorby), T Vaegue, G Leaupene (Ie Atatu), A Tolea (Petrosit) M Millos (Chags), T Latinsymakur'a (Weisington); P Millos (Chags), T Latinsymakur'a (Weisington); P Hamestey (Apel), S Kaiets (Porsorby), P Law (1907). S Vaillele (Marsti). Referent T Herrung (South Africa).

Irish turn professional

reports from Lansdowne Road

As brave new dawns go this could hardly have been any brighter. It was not just the six tries to one victory over a Fijian side that had shared four tries with Wales the week before. It was the manner of its execution. An ultra-professional win for these new times.

From the first to the last Ireland never let up. With four for-wards taller than the tallest Fijian, Ireland monopolised the line-out, especially through Neil Francis on their own throw, and strangled Fiji with their mauling game. Apart from one defensive scrum. Fiji did not touch the ball in the nine minutes before Paddy Johns' opening try.

Not the least encouraging aspect of the performance was the ensuing 15 minutes of defensive work which denied Fiji a quick route back into the game and thereafter kept them out until injury time. In this regard, David Corkery, Jonathan and we were up against a Kiwi

were quite outstanding. A soft try for Francis en-abled Ireland to pull clear and

after two Paul Burke penalties the contest was killed off with the best of their six after 50 minutes, which also encapsulated the more fluent, rucking game which their new Kiwi coach, Murray Kidd, is secking to develop. After Francis won a Fijian throw-in on half-way, Paul Wallace, Nick Popplewell, Gabriel Fulcher and Jeremy Davidson

Richard Wallace switched wings to link up on the blind side for Jim Staples to loop around Geoghegan and score. Then the Wallace brothers emulated the Hewitts, circa 1924, in scoring tries either side of one for Geoghegan, All

in all, Kidd could not have asked for a better start. However he strove to downplay the victory. "For me it's given me a good base to work on but it's not something at this stage you would really get carried away with."

Likewise Staples, the Irish cantain. "If roles were reversed

Bell and Simon Geoghegan side they would actually home in on any weakness and we're nowhere near that standard," he

> Nevertheless Staples heralded a new dawn. "I don't want to harp back to some of the sessions that we do in London but all I know is that the sessions we've had over the last few weeks have been conducted at a much higher pace than previously. "That isn't a criticism of any

past regimes. The intensity has been greater. Of course the players are new to the regime took play deep into the Fijian 22. and they're showing great enthusiasm. But I think we're going in the right direction." freland: Tries Johns, Francs, Staples, R Wal-lace, Geograph, P Wallace; Persisties Burke 2: Conversions Burke 4. Fift Try Mastrews;

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lective reputation intact - just. ed that a try count of 2-0 did not Rampant All Blacks reward Mains with fitting finale

OWEN SLOT

reports from Parc des Princes France New Zealand

When the game was over, and with it Laurie Mains' career as the New Zealand coach, he was hoisted on to the shoulders of Robin and Zinzan Brooke and chaired off the field in triumph. The All Blacks, not given to displays of celebratory emotion, had

already been back to salute the said. "Maybe we didn't quite crowd, and when Mains was carried off the Parc des Princes pitch, his face lit and broke into an unusual shape: a broad, un-

inhibited smile. "I retire." he said. "a very happy man." This last stop of his often troubled journey at the helm was one of the best. This was a magnificent spectacle in which, in Mains view, the All Blacks were back at their peak. "We were at a level that we attained reach the level we did for 70 minutes against England, but we

were extremely close. The French started brilliantly could live at that level too. In the end, though, they could only match the All Blacks in the ferocity in which the match was played, and this they may have regretted afterwards.
It was fitting though that the

knew not what to expect, because there was more variety to the All Blacks' game than was was shown at any time during the World Cup - high balls and rolling mauls were back on the agenda - and there was a complete rethink at half-back which

had been the problem in Toulouse. Out went Stu Forster, in came Justin Marshall for an ex-All Blacks' revenge should have ceptional debut at scrum-half during the World Cup," he been a victory for the coach as and though Simon Culhane best of the All Blacks back play.

remained at stand-off there was no longer an inability to link up with the brilliant backs outside because Marshall had clearly been instructed simply to fling out long passes straight past Culhane and to the riches

beyond him.
The backs duly reaped the dividends and ran in three of the four New Zealand tries, each of them coming from bursts into the line, by Eric Rush, Glen Osborne and Jonah Lomu. The

away with their persistent offside and gave the opposition a little space in which to move.

All of which made sense of

Mains' parting shot to the game. "If we look to the future of rughy," he said, "a plea that I would make to all referees is to enforce absolutely the offside law. Otherwise our game cannot develop and be the enter-

for Carmenab, 71.

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going to come off second best.

The dawning of a new age it certainly was not. South Africa end the year on a deserved high and we begin this new one floundering somewhat. Against Western Samoa next month England will be looking for nothing short of the display of

Robinson and two tries that

came close to being worth the

price of admission on their own. That was certainly the case

No place like home for Becker

Tennis

Boris Becker won the ATP Tour World Championship for the third time after a 7-6, 6-0, 7-6 victory over the American Michael Chang in Frankfurt yesterday.

The Festhalle arena, just a short drive from his home town of Leimen, has become Becker's favourite indoor court. The capacity 9,000 crowd, which included Becker's parents and wife Barbara, roared on every shot from the German.

"You're the best fans I have in Germany, I mean that," Becker told the crowd. "It was tough getting back to take the first set but I played on another planet for half an hour in the second and then it was close again," Chang said: "Boris served un-

believable today. I have never seen anybody serve like that. But it has still been a great week After starting well Chang.

who had upset the American world No 1, Pete Sampras, in Saturday's semi-finals, could not live with Becker's power.

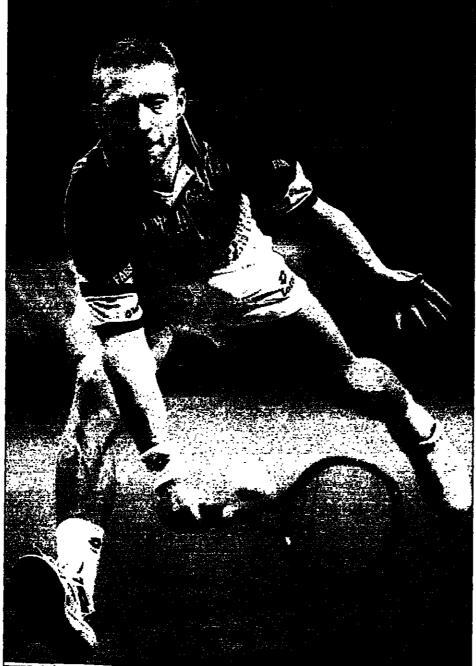
The American ran hard for every point but it was not enough to stop Becker establishing one of the best records in the championship which replaced the New York-based Masters in 1990.

Becker won the event in 1988 and 1992 and this triumph put him level with Ivan Lendl, Ilie Nastase and John McEnroe, the only other players who have won the event three or more times.

It also marked Becker's first triumph at a major event since he won here in 1992. The championship is regarded as the most important title apart from the the four Grand Slams. The win also earned him \$1.2m (£800,000) and he replaces Chang as No 4 in the world.

The American started well when he broke Becker's serve in the second game. But once Becker battled back to take the first set with a 7-3 victory in the tie-break. Chang rarely threatened. Becker won the second set 6-0 and although the third set was tight, Becker produced his best under pressure, finishing off the match with an ace after two hours and 16 minutes.

Tim Henman, the British No 2, maintained his rise up the world rankings by clinching a third title in four weeks with victory at the ATP Challenger event on Reunion Island, Mauritius, yesterday. The 21-yearold from Oxford overcame a poor start to beat Germany's Patrick Baur 1-6, 6-3, 7-6 in the final, adding to his wins at the Challenger in Seoul and the



Boris Becker on his way to victory over Michael Chang yesterday

Taylor in command for Australia

Pakistan 198 and 15-0

on Friday.

tralia for 306 in their second innings. Only two sides - India in 1975-76 and Australia in 1948 have ever scored more than 376 runs in the fourth innings to win

42, faced 244 balls and hit 13 fours during a stay at the crease that lasted six minutes short of six hours. It was his 14th Test century. He was eventually dismissed after tea by a superb vorker from Wagar Younis.

Pakistan, survived nine tense overs before the close during which time they lost their opener. Aamir Sohail, who retired hurt without scoring. Sohail left the field after facing just six balls when he was hit on

Bowling: Wosan Akram 26.1-7-72-3; Waqar Younis 20-4-67-1; Mohammad Akram 10-1-58-1; Mushtaq Ahmed 38-8-83-4; Aamir Sohal 8-2-15-0.

26.1-7-72-3: Wage

wrapped up today.

Headley's spell puts England in control

England A 327

Dean Headley continued his fine tour form yesterday and spearheaded England As drive towards a first "Test" victory in

adrift, Headley, grandson of the West Indies batsman George and son of another Test player in former Worcestershire opener Ron, took 3 for 25 from 20 overs. His effort means that a 1-0 lead in the three-match series should be

The Pakistani batting, with exception of their captain

Sparkling tries halt predictability factor

Rugby League DAVE HADFIELD

Wigan

Workington Town

The unthinkable might be starting to happen at Wigan, with their adoring public becoming just the slightest bit bored with matches they know their side will win without too much trouble.

would delight virtually any other club, but yesterday was the second Sunday in a row that the gate at Central Park has failed to reach five figures – and it is a long time since that last happened.

Those who hoped Leeds would

make Wigan fight all the way for

the Centenary Championship

were left disappointed yesterday

as Sheffield Eagles stunned

Headingley with a deserved

27-22 success. Leeds are now

faced with a seemingly impos-

sible task in hauling back

Wigan, who have gone four

Leeds only have themselves to blame as they failed to make

the most of numerous chances

to let the Eagles come back

from an early 10-point deficit.

have been avoided when Leeds'

young winger, Paul Cook,

scored in the corner nine min-

utes from time to give them a

defeat and their superior team-

work enabled the forward, Andy

Hay, to crash over the home line

for his second try after 74 min-

utes to give the visitors the edge.

Any chance Leeds had of saving

But Sheffield refused to accept

A shock defeat looked to

points clear.

A crowd of just under 10,000

Leeds prove easy

prey for Eagles

This last winter season before

the start of the Super League and summer rugby in March, always threatened to be something of a turn-off, especially with the growing certainty, confirmed by Leeds' defeat by Sheffield yesterday, that Wigan

who have taken almost a decade to tire of mis-matches, would welcome more in the way of competition. As it is, the success of the afternoon's entertainment depends more on whether Wigan can put on a show, rather than on any real doubt

Those who decided it is all a little too predictable missed a sparkling hat-trick from Jason

the game in the dying minutes were shattered when the big forward, Anthony Farrell.

stormed 70 yards in a fine solo

run to settle the issue with a spec-

At The Stoop, lestyn Harris enhanced the belief that he

can fill the hole left by the de-

parture of Jonathan Davies

when a moment of magic from

the Welsh stand-off turned the

game in Warrington's favour to defeat London Broncos 18-10.

Harris ripped through the heart

of Broncos' defence in the 62nd

minute to put in the full-back,

Lee Penney, for a vital try, and

fourth consecutive defeat at

Oldham. In a thrilling match

Oldham, themselves struggling

at the wrong end of the Cham-

pionship, fully deserved their

third victory of the season, with

the 19-year-old substitute, Chris

McKinney, grabbing the crucial try to win 25-20.

10 minutes from time made sure

of the points for the home team.

A drop-goal by Steve Gartland

Castleford slipped to their

then added the two points.

tacular touchdown.

with the first, begun by Henry Paul when he picked up Wayne Kitchen's grubber kick on his own try-line. He galloped away down will come out on top. the right, drew in the Town full Even Wigan's supporters.

back, Paul Burns, and although he probably could have made the line himself, gave the ball to Robinson to make sure of completing a 100-yard movement. Robinson fought his way through to squeeze in at the corner for his and Wigan's second about the outcome.

and tries by Shaun Edwards and Va'aiga Tuigamala, plus the first four of Paul's eight goals, had them 24-2 up at the break.

Workington stuck to a hopeless task manfully enough, their scrum-half, Kitchen, wriggling through for the first try of the second half.

A pass from the excellent Edwards to Gary Connolly got Wigan back in business, but their next try was their best, starting with Robinson's bouncing run and continuing with remarkable handling, including an overhead flick on by Craig Murdock, before Kelvin Skerrett scored.

Robinson completed his hattrick when Edwards held up the ball for him to allow him to scamper the last 40 yards, but Workington got some reward with late tries from Dean Marwood, who also kicked four goals, and Jason Palmada.

The London Broncos are interested in the Wigan centre, Barrie-Jon Mather, who is in dispute with the club. Barry Maranta, the Broncos chairman, said: We understand Barrie-Jon is a free agent and, if so, we would certainly want him in our lineup. We will do everything we can to keep him in England and to

Australia 267 and 306

A patient century by Australia's captain and opener, Mark Taylor, set Pakistan a daunting target vesterday to win the second Test in Hobart. Taylor, anchored his side's second innings with a defiant 123 to leave the tourists needing to score 376 in their second innings to level the three-Test series.

But Australia will be weakened in their oush for victory by the absence of their leg spinner. Shane Warne, who broke a toe

Taylor, who began the day on

(Third day of five; Australia won loss)
PARISTAN - Pirst Innings 198 (Remiz Raja
50: P.R. Roffled 4-38).
AUSTRALIA - First Innings 267 (M.E. Waugh
88; Mushtaq Ahmed 5-115).
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Total (102.1 overs) 306

Falt: 1-120, 2-125, 3-132, 4-189, 5-233, 6-255, 7-256, 8-398, 9-306.
Bowling: Wisen Akram 26, 1-7-72-3; Wagar

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Salam Elahi not out. Aamer Sohail retired Ramiz Raja not out Ramiz Raja not out Extras (th2) Total (for 0, 9 overs). To bat: Ingamam-ul-Ha Pakistan A 137 and 115-5

With Pakistan A still 75 runs

Chaloner crucial to England's title the England No 1, wno has

Squash

In an enthralling final, Mark Chaloner won the deciding rubber to give England victory over the defending champions, Pakistan, in the final of the World Team Championship in Cairo on Saturday.

chronic fatigue syndrome. The new recruit belied his relative in-

Asif Mujtaba (36 no out), was disappointing.

The 24-year-old Lincoln play 9-1, 9-2, 9-2 victory against nand retrieval boast to the in Zarak Jahan in just 42 minutes. For Britain's first victory in the while Simon Parke fought hard event.

ternational inexperience with a controlled and mature performance to beat Mir Zaman Gul 9-1, 9-3, 10-9 in 65 minutes. Del Harris had set the stan-

dard in the first rubber with a victory against

against Jansher Khan before losing 2-9, 5-9, 4-9 in precisely an hour.

at the close of play on the third day, still needing another 361 The hip by a short ball from day, still needing another 361 Craig McDermott. All, Weesin Airam, 1Mon Rhan, Mushtaq Rhan, 1Mon Rhan, 1M RUGBY UNION RESULTS

International

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(at Parc des Princes, Paris)
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CIS Divisional Championship

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Tennent's Scottish First Division

Hawick 19 Edinburgh Ac 13
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Postponed: Heriot's FP v Stirling County.

Second Division

Third Division Biggs 19 Glasgow Ac 18
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Fourth Division

Athletics Britain's Lz McColgan was in the lead-ing group for 19 miles but stipped back to finish seventh in the Tokyo international women's marathon, coming home almost two minutes behind Japan's Junko Asari who recovered from a fall to win in 2hr 28min 46sec.

Basketball

Basketball

NBA: Griday) Torono 114 Minnesota 95; Mount 91 Attarta 88; Boston 110 Washington 100; Seattle 98 Charlotte 96; Cleveland 114 Philadelphia 82; Urbh 85 Detroit 81; Chicago 109 New Jersey 94; New York 103 Denver 94; LA Lakers 114 Vancouver 92; LA Cappers 101 Dellas 90; Sacramento 105 Proems 96, [Satanday) Cleveland 93 Detroit 90, Indistra 118 Seattle 104, Marm 93 00; Isands 90, Toronto 103 Washington 102, Urba 126 Minnesota 102, New Jersey 95 Philadelphia 79, Houston 101 Denver 97, Roston 99 Minsaulee 93, San Antonio 109 Charlotte 107, Proem's 107 Portland 102, Golden State 121 Dellas 108.

BUDWESSER LEASUE: Newcastle 78 Doncaster 86; Birmingson 85 London 98; Hemal 78 Thames Valley 83; Laicester 94 Chester Jets 84; Worthing 103 Manchester 106.

Bowls

EIROPEAN BEDOOR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP (Jersey) Men Singles: D Le Marquand (Jersey) to Jouenjed Uersey) to 7:3 3-7 1-7 7-0; G Robertson (Soo) bt A Thomson (Engl. 7-1 7-2 7-8; S Rees (Mbb bt J Henry (it)) 7-0 7-5 7-3. Foarst Ireland (R Bartersty, N Booth, G MicCley, N Graham) bt Guerney (H Le Tessier, I Memen, N Mollet, P Ingouille) 30-23; England (D Holt, G Smith, G Harlow, T Allcooth is Jersey U Lowery, L Noon, C Renoul, F Hambly) 25-15; Scotland (M Galloway, A Blair, D Gourley, H Duff) drew with Welsel (C Blaire, N Leigh, J Geenstade, R Wesler) 18-18. Women: Stingles: J Roylance (Engl. b) M Johnston (ff) 0-7 5-7 4-7 3-7:1; R Jones (Waz) bt A Simon (Guernaey) 2-7 7-0 7-5 7-6; V Stead (Jersey) bt J Uniones (Sco.) 7-1 4-7 0-7 7-3 7-6; Stead bt Simon 7-1 7-5 6-7 7-9; Lindons bt Roylance (T-1 7-4 Fours: Scotland (K Adams, J Woodley, S Gourley, J Conlan) bt Welse, N Howels, A Dahlor, C Mongan, J Devies) 22-14; England (L Jerman, J Thomas, E Besseli, M Proel bt Jersey (K Horman, S Noel, S Syvet, J Lowery) 25-15; Guernaey (K Ranoul, J Bagin,) Nocibe, C Ingousle) bt Ireland (M Wilkinson, D Single, D Mistelly, D Bard) 25-17; Rhall placings: 1 England 57 bt + 154 shots; 2 Welse 53 (+125); 3 Scotland 45 (+43); 4 Ireland 38 (0); 5 Jersey 27 (-101); 6 Guernaey 26 (-224).

Nigel Benn and his manager, Peter De Frenzs, look set to part company after a five-year association. De Freitas says that the World Boding Council super-mid-Use the worse purely counts super-rat-dieweight champion wants him to take less money for handling his affairs. PROFESSIONAL PROMOTION (datagow): 12-rd World Boding Organization light-fly-weight championship: J histolia ISA) to P Wei (www.holder mentical decision 5th.12-rd WBO Configental middleweight tible: W Outhn (Fraforms, holder sechnical despon SILL2-ra was Confinential middleweight tiller W Quinn (Ita-rant) bit P Wauciby (Hull) ret fein. 6-rd wei-terweight: J Townsky (Deland) bit K Toomey (Hull) of Sin. 8-rd weiterweight: G Jacobs (Gle-gow) bit L Wicks (Brighton) ret Sinl. 6-rd light-weiterweight: M Bresin (Barthesol) bit P Scott (Newbiggin) bis. 6-rd fleatherweight: L Ledweig (SA) bit R Beard (Degenham) of 3rd. LEOWERS (SA) D. K BERTO (LEIGHTER) OF JR. PROFESSIONAL PROBATION (Attended City) 12-rd World Becking Organisation welterweight, championship: P whitaler (US, holder) bt. J Rodniguez (US), to 6th. 12-rd international Bexing Factoration welterweight championship: F Tradad (FR, holder) bt. L Barnes (US) of 4th.

Cricket

Goucestershire's Andrew Symonds, who deckined to go on the England A tour of Pakistan, has been named in the Australian Prime Minister's XI to play the West Indies in Canberra on 5 December. WOMEN'S FIRST TEST (Calcutta, third day): England 209 for 5 (J Brittin 84); India 66 for 1. Engand 209 for 5 () Britan 8417 picto 65 for 1. TOUR NATCH (Calina, Ass., Britand oversit, Queensland 208, 49.3 overs (M Heyden 53; A M De Shia 2-30); Sn Lonica 162, 45.1 overs (R S Maharama 58, A P Guntanha 50; Sl

EDEN CLIP (Grystal Palace): A Grade Men's junior folt: 1 M Zervero (U; 2 O Reicher (Ger): 3= S Mocek (Pol), J Webel (Fr); 8 J Bervers (GBI; 9 P Walsh (GB).

Hockey

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ice hockey

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Motor racing

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5 T Kristensen (Den) Lola 194/50
1:09:49.168; 6 A Scott (GB) Lola 193/50,
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DIVIDEND FORECAST: Very low, no claims required: 3 dwidends only. Score draws: 1, 7, 14, 15, 20, 22, 25, 27, 29, 33, 34, 35, 43, 56. No-score draws: 9, 12, 13, 16, 31, 38, 39. Away wins: 3, 5, 18, 21, 30, 37, 40, 41, 42, 45, 46, 47, 48, 51, 52, 55, 57.

MDL WINTER SERIES (Hamble) Week severs CHS1: J Gerrett (Garretty); CHS2: H Danes (Medog); CHS3: D Duffin (Fastrak III); CHS4: J Wildren & P Medions (Poly); CHS5: P Smith & C Dowing (Scoppon); CHS5: M Modody (Shabit); Signes 38: D Aisher (Yeomen 2007); Signes 33: M Medd (Woozle Hunter Too); X99: B Mothor (Shabit Sharethaneter D Childa (Med.)

WORLD CUP (Besver Crock, Colorado) Women's statora: 1 E Eder (Aut) (38.11-43.36) Imm 12.49sec; 2 M Kjoerstad (Nor) (39.91-45:22.193.29; 4 M Accola (Swit) (39.28-44.03) 1.23.29; 4 M Accola (Swit) (39.75-43.56) 1.23.31; 5 K Rotzen (Swit) (40:36-49.19) 1.23.55; 6 k Koren (Sloven) (39.75-43.93) 1.23.56; 7 | Salvermoser

(Aust) (40.41.43.33) 1-23.74; 8 IJ Hartwet (Slove) (40.50-43.31) 1-23.81; 9 L Procard (Fr) (39.45-44.46) 1-23.91; 10 A Plank (b) (40.19-44.57) 1-24.78; 11 K Koznick (US) (40.60-44.00) 1-24.80; 12 A Wachter (Aust) (40.51-44.38) 1-24.89. Did not qualify for second rate C Pascal (Fr); 1 Sourd (Fr); S Lafranc (Fr); K Keshwagi (Japan); K Reda (Japan); E Conrick-Anderson (GB). Overall standings: 1 Eff. Eder (Justina) 100; 2 Kjoerstad 60; 3 Zingre-Graf 60; 4 Accole 50; 5 Roten 45; 8 Koren 40; 7 Selvenmoser 36; 8 Harouet 32; 9 Pocard 29; 10 Plank 28. Wossen's World Cup standings: 1 = Eder, M Ert (Bar, K Stotinger (Bar) 100;ts; 4 Kjoertad 80; 5 Wachter 72; 8=1 Kostner (Sloven), Zingre-Graf 60. Nations World Cup standings: 1 Austria 402pts; 2 Switzerland 261; 3 Germany 258. Snooker

ROYAL LIVER ASSURANCE UK CHAMPIONSHIP (Prestori) First round (Eng unless
stated): C Small (Soo) bt D Ros 9-7; J Higgins (Sco) bt M King 9-3; T Griffiths (Mai) bt
D Leary (N bt) 9-3; G Wikinson bt J Prince
(M bt) 9-4; S Resertion bt B Morgan 9-6; R
O'Sufision bt S Meskin 9-3; J Petrott bt J Woodman 9-2; J White bt M Wikins 9-5; A Ribbiolux
(Can) bt K Payne 9-4; W Thorns bt T Mes
9-6, P Davies (Well) bt M Price 9-6; J Fergison bt K Broughton 9-6; K Doherty (kf) bt D
Henry (Sco) 9-8.

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(5-3) bt Asanovaka (3-5); Oginishild (5-3) bt Aknoshama (6-2); Naminohama (4-4) bt Aknoshama (6-2); Naminohama (5-3) bt Minatoliyi (4-4); Wakashoyo (3-5) bt Minatoliyi (4-4); Wakashoyo (3-5); Musayama (2-6); Kotonovaka (3-5); Musayama (3-5) bt Terao (1-7); Musashimanu (7-1) bt Takasmia (3-5); Takanovama (5-3) bt Tosanovami (5-3) bt Tosanovami (5-3); Musayama (3-5); Takanovama (3-7); Takanovama (3-6); Akebono (7-1) bt Kao (4-4).

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(Sheffield) 2-03.76. 200m brosstyle: A Coyton (Leeds) 1-48.27. 400m freestyle: P
Palmer (Lincoln) 3:51.38. Women: 50m but-TODAY'S FIXTURES

6M VALDIHALL CONFERENCE: Dagenham Rugby Union TOUR MATCH: Leicester v Transveal (7.15).

(7.30 unless stated) FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP

Southampton v Aston Villa (8.0) ...

Football

RALLYMAS: Network Q RAC Rally second leg (Leeds to Chester). SHOOKER: Royal Liver Assurance UK Cham-plonship (Preston); World Amateur Chempl-onship (Bristol).

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1-0 6-3 7-5. ATP TOUR WORLD CHAMPTONISHIP (Frank-turt) Semi-finels: M Chang (US) bt P Sam-pras (US) 6-4 6-4; B Becker (Ger) bt T Enqvist (Swe) 6-4 6-7 7-5. Final: Becker bt Chang (US) 7-6 6-0 7-6 (US) 7-6 6-0 7-6
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C Martiner (Sp) 7-5 6-2; N Zvereva (Bele) by
G Sabstim (Angl 6-2 5-7 7-5; Semi-finals:
S Graf (Ger) by Zvereva 6-4 6-3; A Huber (Ger)
by Scruitz-McCarthy 6-3 6-3. Doubles final:
A Sanchez Vicario (Sp) and J Novoria (Cz Rep)
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The number of mountain bikers expected to take part in a new, six-stage British tour in May next year. The itinerary has still to be finalised, but prize-money will top £26,000.

In his match, Chaloner resisted a determined fightback from 6-3 and 8-6 in the third game to survive a fierce tiebreak and win by forcing his opponent into a weak back-

RUGBY LEAGUE

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FOOTBALL: Premiership pace setters exploit leadership qualities and show determination to gain reward even when not playing well

Newcastle learning the lesson of resilience

need grit at this time of year.
Football teams, especially those with championship pretensions, also need protection

against the onset of winter. Although improved pitch maintenance means it is no longer the season of clogged boots and clogging defenders, the arrival of Jack Frost on the dug-out roof still signals a new stage in the league campaign.

By now, the title contenders have begun to emerge and opponents look to raise their game, often by dint of elbow grease sometimes applied literally. Meanwhile, with the weather less conducive to ball skills, some of the artists who had been so prominent on balmy autumn afternoons dis-

it was at this stage last season that Newcastle began to falter. A year ago this weekend, they lost at Wimbledon and surrendered the Premiership lead. They never regained it and eventually

That memory resurfaced dur-ing half-time at Villa Park on Saturday, with Newcastle lucky to be just one goal down. They had been outpassed in midfield and overrun at the back. Forty-five minutes later they had one point and were chasing all three. Villa, so rampant before the break, were relieved to escape with a 1-1 draw. "This was the sort of game we were losing last year." Kevin Keegan, the Newcastle manager. "This year

we are made of sterner stuff. You do not win anything with just ability - if that was the case you could go out and buy a championship-winning team tomorrow. You need character as well. We were asked some questions today, and in the first half we could not find the answers. In the second half we showed the strength of character to come through. You have to grind out results when you are not playing well."

Newcastle have certainly done that. In their two previous

played by Liverpool and atched by Blackburn, but beaten both. In neither of those games, nor this one, did they produce more than the occasional burst of the flowing football that lit up the autumn. But they did take seven points out of nine. As Keegan learned at Liverpool, it is substance that counts for championship success, while style is just a desirable bonus.

Despite the draw, the weekend results appear to have improved Newcastle's chances of adding silverware to their newfound steel. Although Manchester United, who have a game in hand, cut the gap to six points, the rest of the division are at least five points further behind.

Arsenal, Villa, Leeds and Forest all look at least two players short, leaving the main challenger to the top two likely to be Liverpool, currently seventh and failing to convert possession into goals. If they cannot incorporate Stan Collymore's directness into the side soon, the championship would appear to be headed for

GLENN MOORE

COMMENTARY

one of the Uniteds. While it would be rash to write off the ability of Old Trafford's youth system to produce more players, the greater strength in depth is at Newcastle.

The one area in which they remain weak is in front of the back four, where Barry Venison has yet to be replaced. Steve Watson played there in the first half, Lee Clark in the second. Keegan said the switch was no reflection on Watson - "I could have taken anyone off, I had just had to do something" - but it was the obvious move.

Watson was lost in the first half as Villa's three strikers pulled the defence all over the place. The boldly chosen trio -Dwight Yorke, Tommy Johnson and Savo Milosevic - traded places at will, leaving Newcasle's inadequately protected defence chasing shadows.

Johnson had already put a header wide and Milosevic brought an excellent save from Shaka Hislop when Villa scored. Paul McGrath and Gary Charles played the ball out of defence to Mark Draper on the right. With three players around him he twisted, turned, and crossed to the unmarked Johnson, who became the latest Newcastle

fan to score against his idols. Draper was running the match, while Charles and Alan Wright, not content with marking David Ginola and Keith Gillespie out of the game, were providing strong support in attack. Villa should have scored more, but having gained control by passing through the midfield, they now hit over the top. What chances they made were not good enough to beat an inspired Histop.

ing-down from Keegan injected some second-half vigour into Newcastle, but Villa were creating the better chances when Newcastle equalised. The goal was pure route one, Ferdinand shrugging off Ugo Ehiogu as he ran on to Hislop's long kick to score. Goal No 18, but it is hard to imagine international defences being quite so generous.

Newcastle's confidence swaggered back, while Villa's let itself out by the rear turnstile. Draper went missing, Johnson ran out of legs, Clark was freed to start rather than try and stop attacks, and it was left to Mark Bosnich to ensure a draw. Newcastle's one concern, an

ankle injury which forced Ferdinand to withdraw, is not thought to be serious, which is good news for Newcastle fans, and those with a wider agenda.

One worrying aspect of a good day's Premiership football was the report, on the radio pro-

gramme Six-O-Six, of Everton fans directing racist abuse at John Barnes. This follows similar abuse of Ian Wright at Barnsley and is a reminder that the problem has not gone away.

It is not just the big names who suffer black players in one Third Division team have been subjected to sustained racist chants and comments at two North-east clubs. Both clubs had no black players of their own and mostly used stewards for crowd control (cheaper, but less effective than police).

While most people in the area are warm and fair-minded, the North-east has long been one of the more difficult places for black players to visit. Ferdinand's continued success can only help reduce a practice which is more chilling than anything the weather can produce.

Blackburn revel in the old and new

DAVE HADFIELD

Blackburn Rovers Nottingham Forest

On the day they celebrated Jack Walker's rebuilding of their ground, Blackburn Rovers began to rebuild their Premiership season, demolishing Forest's pretensions along the way.

As the side that had compiled

a 25-match unbeaten record in the League, Forest were as unrecognisable as Ewood Park would be to anyone visiting after a five-year gap.

The official opening, per-

formed inevitably by generous Uncle Jack on Saturday, also marked Rovers' return to form reminiscent of their rise at the start of the decade rather than their fall from grace this season. The resounding victory that took them into the top half of

the table for the first time as defending champions hinged on elements old and new. The new was Lars Bohinen, the Scandinavian whose defection scandalised Forest and who has done so much to rejuvenate Rovers, His imagination and incisiveness were such that he

would have been a sound choice as man of the match even without two splendidly struck goals. "I never comment on opposing players," said the Forest manager, Frank Clark. His thoughts, comparing Bohinen's contribution in midfield with his ineffectual five-man phalanx - including England's midweek hero, Steve Stone - could be

guessed easily enough. The familiar factors underlying Blackburn's rediscovered potency naturally included Alan Shearer, with three goals and an outstanding all-round display. That excellence has been a constant, however, even during Rovers' darkest days this season. The difference now is that he is getting the service he deserves. not just from Bohinen, but also

from two of his old providers. The quality of Stuart Ripley's crosses is still variable, but he is moving like a thoroughbred once more. If one centre fails to find its target, another will be

along shortly.
Another vital ingredient was Mike Newell. Chris Sutton, kicking his heels on the bench, must have wondered how much good he could have done for his confidence if he had been let loose. Newell, though, is what Blackburn need at the moment: a player who feels no need to demonstrate multi-million pound credentials, but who knows his job and does it.

His goal might have been a gift from Mark Crossley - a goalkeeper who, as his manager rather unkindly pointed out, never made a save - but it was one he thoroughly deserved for all his unselfish work carlier. Clark was almost as unsympathetic towards Steve Chettle, sent off for what he rightly de-

Forest were already well on their way to a pre-Uefa Cup humiliation by then, leaving Rovers to reflect, on the eve of what is now an academic exercise in Moscow, on what might have been if they had rediscovered this sort of form a few weeks ago. Goats: Shearer (20) 1-0; Bohmen (28) Shearer (57) 3-0; Shearer (68) 4-0; Bohmen 5-0; Newell (82) 6-0; Le Saus (89) 7-0.

Everton's mavericks do the trick

PHIL SHAW

Liverpool Everton

The summer of spend, spend. spend has given way to an autumn of pass, pass, pass at Anfield. If the 153rd League derby on Merseyside proved anything, it was that excess does not necessarily equate with success.

Whereas Liverpool stuck slavishly to a principle, like a high-powered version of Brian Clough's doomed Nottingham Forest of three years ago, Everton had a plan. Content to let Roy Evans's side weave interminable triangles in front of their massed ranks. Joe Royle's team simply waited for a mistake and struck on the break.

To make it work they relied on a quality which Liverpool, in the absence of Stan Collymore, do not possess: blistering pace. Fielding both Andrei Kanchelskis and Anders Limpar. thrilling if essentially maverick wingers, might have been deemed a risky strategy. Instead, they showed the home defence a clean pair of Achilles heels.

Pauence is a virtue until it blurs into the over-elaboration with which Liverpool frustrated even a crowd steeped in the possession game. Ian Rush was not alone in yearning for the odd long ball afterwards. There are, however, other reasons why they have lost their last three games and beaten only Manchester City (twice) in the six home matches since late September.

Not only are one or two players, among them Rush and John Barnes, approaching or even past their sell-by date, but their system is failing them. One of the three central defenders. Phil-Babb, is not disciplined enough to avoid being drawn out of position, a problem compounded by Steve Harkness's tendency to favour the attacking half of his

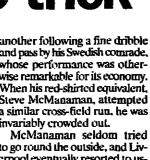
wing-back role. Paul Rideout thus had the freedom of the flank before crossing for Kanchelskis to score his second-ever headed goal. The Russian international drove

another following a fine dribble and pass by his Swedish comrade, whose performance was other-When his red-shirted equivalent, a similar cross-field run, he was

invariably crowded out.

an equaliser through greed.

you want to win the champi-



to go round the outside, and Livcrpool eventually resorted to using Neil Ruddock in an attacking role older Evertonians refer to as "doing a Mick Lyons". Too late, there came a scrappy reply by Robbie Fowler, who had been selfless to a fault during early home ascendancy only to blow the best chance of

The season could still bring Liverpool a trophy or two, yet after lavishing £13m on Collymore and Jason McAteer there was no doubt which one Evans had in mind. Calling the present run "a big blip", he added: "You can't afford these spells if onship." That prospect has now receded still further, with New-

his tongue-in-cheek "Dogs of

Shields when he put winger

Sam Aiston into a trance at a

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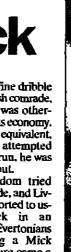
was playing against Newcastle and even had him raising his

arms to celebrate a goal. Em-

barrassingly for him, however,

this was after Ashing told him

long Magpies fan. As, of



castle already 12 points ahead.

should resist reading too much into a deserved win. Kanchelskis's return gives them an extra dimension - as may Duncan Ferguson's - and prompted his manager to compare his ability to turn a big game with that of Les Ferdinand. This second successive victory owed as much to the biting tackles of John Ebbrell



Everton, who began a resurgence by beating Liverpool in Rovle's first game a year ago.

and Joe Parkinson in midfield. After a bitter, barren derby in February, Evans took a sarcastic swipe at Goodison's "School of Soccer Science". On Saturday, weary of hearing

War remark turned back on Everton, Royle slipped in a wry aside about his "canines". Somewhere in between lies the SOMEWhere in between lies the truth. Dogs of Science, anyone? Goels: Nancholisis: (53: 0-1: Vancholisis: (69: 0-2; Fowler (89: 1-2; James: Winght, Scales, Bath (Morris, 73); Runes, McMaer, Barries, McManaman, Harlmess (Ruddock, 80); Rush, Fowler, Substitution not used: Warner (8). Everton (4-4-2); Southalt Laction, Watson, Stort, Albert (Unsworth, 23); Kancholiskis, Parlenson, Ebbrott, Limpor, Stuart, Robeout, Substitutions not used: Grant, Amplicach.

Fast forward: David Platt (left) looks on as his Arsenal team-mate, Paul Merson, attempts to catch Teddy Sheringham

Arsenal unravelled by Fox's cunning

Tottenham Hotspur

When Ruel Fox joined Tottenham last month, the received wisdom was that Kevin Keegan had pulled off something of a coup. If the former Norwich winger continues to play as inspira-tionally as in this game, it may be that Gerry Francis has secured an even bigger one.

Fox was deemed surplus to reurements at Newcastle once Keith Gillespie had settled in on the right flank, and at just over £4m Keegan appeared to have improved his team and made a profit. Francis, however, has been a consistently shrewd op-helped begin inside his own box. a firm shot into the far corner.

and it already looks money well spent

Fox was voted man of the match in the last game at White Hart Lane - against Newcastle and was the central character again in a pulsating Spurs performance. Even during an extraordinary opening period, in which Arsenal assumed almost total control and took the lead. Fox caught the eye, and it was no surprise that he should play a key role in the equaliser.

Spurs broke quickly from an Arsenal corner and Fox was released down the right. He held the ball up just long enough before delivering it to Teddy Sheringham, whose emphatic header at the far post finished a move he

From there Fox took control. Encouraged by his manager to drop deep, Fox found his hole and set about unravelling the most revered defence in the Premiership. Whether beating Nigel Winterburn on the outside, checking inside, or providing a series of telling crosses, Arsenal were unable to contain "the difference between the two teams, as Bruce Rioch, the Arsenal

manager, described him. Sheringham and Chris Armstrong thrived on the service and headers inside the box, they did combine beautifully for the Tottenham winner soon after halftime: Armstrong taking Sheringham's return ball, skipping around Steve Bould's challenge and firing zling opening, with Paul Merson

tertaining than the average north London derby, it also found both teams adopting the stereotypes of their adversaries: Spurs direct and menacing going forward, resolute at the back: Arsenal full of pleasing patterns, but posing little threat and uncharacteristically vulnerable in their own area.

Arsenal's day was typified by another fitful display from Glenn Helder. Possessing at least as much skill as Fox, he utterly failed to give his strikers the same although both missed from free sort of service, although he does possess the most lethal left foot in the Premiership. Lethal for those sitting 20 rows back behind the goal, that is.

The visitors had made a dazorchestrating a series of passing

Forest's birthday surprise

a brilliant opening goal by Dennis Bergkamp. Francis, concerned that the vis-

itors were "playing round us", issued a series of instructions from the dug-out. Some were lost in the cacophony, but the alterations were completed at half-time. What they were Francis refused to divulge, but after the interval Merson never exerted the same influence. In more than one way. Arsenal had been outfoxed.

Goales Bergiamp (1.4) 0-1; Shenngnam (30) 1-1; Armstrong (55) 2-1. Tottenham Hotspur (4-4-2); Walker, Austin, Mabbutt, Caldenwood, Campbell; Fox, Dozzell, Howels, Rosenthal (McMahon, 88); Armstrong, Sheringham, Substitutes not used: Edin-homb Par (6). Arsenal (4-4-2): Seaman; Dxon, Adams, Bould, Winterburn; Merson, Platt, Reown, Helder (Hiller, 71); Berghamp, Hartson, Sub-stitutes not used: Jenson, Bartram (gs).

scribed as "two silly challenges".

How Keegan could have used hypnotist to win

Newcastle scraped a from Sunderland fans in South Newcastle scrapeu a draw with Aston Villa after Kevin Keegan read the riot act at half-time - but hard words might not have been needed had hypnotist Stewart Ashing been in the Premiership leaders' camp...or, rather, in Villa's.

Had he been allowed a few moments with Villa scorer Tommy Johnson before kick-off, the outcome might have been

Turn back

sively) that of 80 defenders in here's the full list.

the clock

Ashing drew gasps of horror

Lee Dixon, Tony Adams, Steve Bould and Nigel Winterburn - played together as a unit for the first time, forging the most Those of you with nothing enduring back line in the modbetter to do might have spent em English game.
the weekend pondering over OK, how many of the dozen the weekend pondering over the little poser set by Glenn other survivors can you name?

Moore in Saturday's Indepen- If you want to take a shot, put dent, which revealed (exclu-down the paper now. Otherwise, action in the First Division on 27 August, 1988, only 16 remain with their clubs today. 27 August, 1988? This was the day that Arsenal's back four

That was the weekend that was

Buddhists criticise Baggio Eased out by Juventus, struggling to win over his critics in Milan, Roberto Baggio is in danger of becoming Italian football's most expensive misfit.

one is finding himself isolated. "Il Divino", as his admirers know him, shocked the nation during his time in Turin by becoming a Buddhist. Newcastle had scored.

But these days, even religion is failing to deliver the tranquillity Baggio seeks. On Thursday, fused, "said Sam, who is a lifedistancing themselves from the player and his

And it is not just in calcio that the pony-tailed Soka Galkkai sect. "We do not accept his group's claim to be the true upholder of Buddhist tradition," Vincenzo Piga, the president, said.

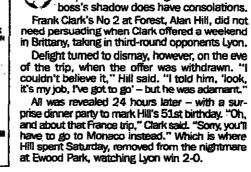
Red card HOWARD KING ... the former referee

Excuses, excuses I think there is a great danger people will underesti-mate Manchester City because they are bottom of the League. People think they will get easy points, but that bagge, requesting the happen.

David Pleat, explaining Sheffield Wednesday's falure to take maximum points on Saturday. Er...
what about Liverpool then?

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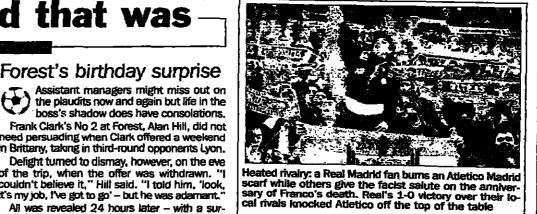


have to go to Monaco instead." Which is where Hill spent Saturday, removed from the nightman at Ewood Park, watching Lyon win 2-0.

Take a bow

DORCHESTER TOWN

Dorchester Town, of the Beazer Homes League, who put their 9-1 FA Cup firstround thrashing at Oxford United last weekend firmly behind them with a 4-3 away win at Atherstone on Satur



Rumours the Sunday papers

So who is going to succeed Graham Taylor as manager of

ror, the rumour linking ex-Liverpool and Blackburn boss pell. Kenny Dalglish is the only one with substance. The Mirror People were informed that claims that Sir Jack Hayward,

definitely the man they want - and money is no object," said Fact and fiction from a Molineux insider. But in the News of the

World, Wolves are "bemused by Kenny Dalglish's supposed interest". The man who has According to the Sunday Mir-lineux shortlist" is Steve Cop-

Wrong again. Readers of The Chris Waddle is the man that Wolves' multi-millionaire own- the Wolves charman, Jonathan er, is prepared to stump up Hayward, Sir Jack's son, wants. £20m for Dalgish to spend on But he cannot convince others players - and throw in a fur- at Molineux, who favour Alan ther £1m for a three-year con- Curbishley of Chariton, or Suntract. "Kenny Dalglish is derland's Peter Reid.

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So he'll be asking for a transfer, then...

who yesterday revealed that he once deliberately blew the final whistle without playing injury time when in charge of Arsenal against Manchester United at Highbury in 1992. King, 49, from Menthyr Tydfil, said in the News of the World that he had to catch the 6pm train from Paddington.

Arsenal lost 1-0.

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Coventry

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Dion Dublin, the Coventry cap-

tain, yesterday headed his third

goal in three games to ease his

team's problems near the bot-

powerful striker, whose six-

match absence with a knee in-

jury earlier this season

coincided with City's drop in form, answered Simon Barker's stunning first-half strike with a

Coventry have still won only

one League match this season,

but they ensured that Queen's

Park Rangers also stayed among

the strugglers by stretching the

west London side's run to five

2-0 defeat at Southampton a

fortnight ago, ditched the

sweeper system and recalled the

limited success this season,

Trevor Sinclair, was strangely

subdued. He was eventually replaced by Wilkins, who came

on seconds before Dublin's

to their 37th-minute lead as their

American goalkeeper, Jürgen Sommer, blocked efforts from

John Salako and the Brazilian

Isaias as Coventry tried to

But Dublin's header from

Salako's deep cross left Sommer

helpless and Steve Ogrizovic.

playing his first Premiership

game since breaking a leg in

April, ensured Coventry kept

their point by sticking out a long

leg to deny Danny Dichio three

minutes from time.

QPR looked like holding on

But the mainspring of QPR's

games without a victory. The player-manager, Ray Wilkins, furious over QPR's

striker Kevin Gallen.

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tom of the Premiership. With 15 minutes left the

header.

Queen's Park Rangers Coventry City

Juninho digs in quietly for winter

art until the weather turns, those bleak days V of midwinter, then we will know about him; this was said not of Juninho but Osvaldo Ardiles, who was among those attracted to Selhurst Park by the the brilliant young Brazilian princeling's presence. No one knows better than

Juninho's most significant predecessor that suspicion runs deep in the minds of Englishbred professionals. As Steve Perryman recalls, Ardiles' test of character came many years ago on a bitterly cold, drenching afternoon at Roker Park, Sunderland, "Ossie stood up so well in awful conditions that nobody ever doubted him again,"

Despite our love affair with Brazilian football and the exhilarating effect numerous imports have had, a perverse notion of fancy-dan foreigners persists. "He might be a very good play-er," said the Wimbledon manager, Joe Kinnear, who insisted that Juninho had not been earmarked for special attention during the goalless draw.

However, Kinnear, if understandably put out by the tired cliché of his team's alleged cynicism, is too wise a bird not to have accommodated the inferrence drawn from a fixture that brought cult brute, Vinnie Jones, and Juninho into conflict.

The publicised beast in Jones has never amounted to very much - any number of hard men from the past would have sorted him out quickly - but there is enough natural meanness in his nature to have raised the possibility of embarrass-

When Jones did succumb to temptation, lunging in two-footed on the touchline, Juninho took the deft evasive action that helped him develop in leagues that are among the most violent in world football. As Ardiles stressed, that sort of experience does not make participation in English football the least bit intimidating. In declaring that Juninho

had been quiet by comparison with the standards he has confirmed since taking up an opportunity to play here. Bryan



on Monday

Robson referred to a sharp drop in temperature. "You have to take that into account," he said. "It's not easy for the lad, but he's got remarkable skills and I'm sure he will come to terms with our climate."

An important thing about Juninho is that awareness of simplicity you find in all outstanding footballers. There is not an ounce of self-indulgence in him. In common with most of his notable compatriots, he shares the realisation that football is above all a team game.

An impression on Saturday was that English referees are as foreign to the idea of players running the ball at defenders as the Wimbledon defenders, who went unpunished for illegal interference with Juninho's darting dribbles. "I don't know about that," Robson said discreetly, "but they are going to see a lot of it from this fella." It was in Kinnear's mind that

his team had done enough to overcome Middlesbrough's superior collective technique. "After the poor run we've had it was critical to get something out of this match," he said. Robson could afford to be

more sanguine. "My only disappointment today was that we didn't do enough to get behind the Wimbledon defence," he said. "But now we've got some big games coming up to excite the players and our supporters."

They could provide all the warmth Juminho is yearning for.
Wissbiedon (4-4-2): Heald: Cunningham,
Elens, Thom, Peny, Jones, Earle, Eloisy Gayle.
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Firm challenge: Paul Gascolgne, of Rangers, battles for the ball with Celtic's Jackie McNamara at Ibrox yesterday

Giggs profits from fluid formation

GUY HODGSON

Manchester United Southampton

There are people who visit Old Trafford and find the place overwhelming. They wallow in and Co elevated to near consecrated status. That is just the Southampton team for you -

tourists go there too. Quite what the Saints were

tle indication that their undivided attention was on the job of denying the home team points. No easy games in the Premiership? United could not have looked more comfortable if they had taken the field in old

jumpers and slippers.
It took only eight minutes for this match to be decided and the history, gamp at the new this match to be decided and North-Stand and step with rev-that is the generous view. Some erential care, on the ground would put the time limit on the that Robson, Best, Edwards tension at 16 seconds, the time it took Ryan Giggs to give United the lead.

Dave Merrington, the Souththinking of when this match trying to relax his players, and imagine the state of Southampstarted is known only to them, such was his success he could put ton. They were relaxed all right, prayers for that, centre-backs are but certainly they gave very lit-stress counsellers out of business. relaxed as a pole-axed boxer.

From the kick-off, a mistake gave the ball to Paul Scholes, who crossed to Eric Cantona, who in turn passed to Giggs. One crisp swing of the Welshman's left foot and it was 1-0.

Three minutes later, Richard Hall, who at least had the alibi scouring Europe for a right of flu symptoms to set him apart from his comatose colgs 35 yards out, who then drew Dave Beasant and chipped into the top of the net.

Scholes made it 3-0 after eight minutes and as David Beckham The cost of the 4-3-2-1 formaampton manager, said he had had crashed a shot against the spent time before the kick-off bar in between the goals, you can ward from his flank, but while

survey United's latest manifestation, something that has been forced on Alex Ferguson by circumstance, but is sightly for all that. The loss of Andrei Kanchelskis originally had him winger, but that search has pe-

tered out to an extent because of leagues, passed straight to Gig ... the outstanding form of Scholes. . United are currently employing a shape that is so fluid that it must be horrendous to identify, never mind counter. tion is Giggs having to move inright-backs might be offering

Which left 80-odd minutes to abandonment of the offside law. Which would add up to a potent brew if the swirling waves of red attacks were not frequently breaking up on the rock of Andy Cole's lack of confidence. Still, Ferguson must hope that Cole's 70th-minute header will instil in his £7m striker the arrogance and sureness of his Newcastle days. The fate of the championship prob-

ably rests on it. Bonis: Gigs (1) 1-0; Gigs (3) 2-0; Scholes (8) 3-0; Cole (69) 4-0; Shopeney (65) 4-1. Manchester United (4-3-2-1): Schmachet, G Neville, Bruca, Pallister, Irwin (P Neville, h-t); Beck-

1891, July Laggs (Sharpe, do); Scholes (McLier, 49), Camona; Cole.
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The Ghanaian, without a

goal previously since 30 Sep-

tember, missed two chances in

the first half, had one saved and

saw another hit the woodwork

in the second. They might have

added up, on another day, to a

much more emphatic Leeds

win. Tomas Brolin, watching

from the stands after a delay in

Leicester denied

by Moore

Leicester City were yesterday denied a return to the top of the Endsleigh First Division by the Tranmere Rovers teenager Ian Moore. The 19-year-old scored the only goal at Filbert Street his eighth goal of the season after 66 minutes, picking up a pass from John Aldridge on the left and driving home from 15 vards.

The referee, Kevin Lynch, was at the centre of a late penalty controversy as Norwich City held on to beat Ipswich Town 2-1 at Carrow Road.

Ipswich looked set to take a point with three minutes remaining when Lynch pointed to the spot after Claus Thomsen went down under challenge from Ashley Ward. But as Town's veteran defender John Wark stepped up to take his sec-ond penalty in the space of five minutes, the referee had a change of heart after being persuaded to consult a linesman.

Norwich's defenders were adamant that Thomsen had taken a dive, and Lynch seemed to back up their claims by rewarding the home side a freekick instead.

City, who move up to joint fifth place in the table, went ahead after just eight minutes when the defender Jon Newsome headed home. Robert Fleck then appeared to make the points safe with a glorious 71st-minute strike, volleying home from just inside the area

Eight minutes from time when Robert Ullathorne was penalised for holding in the area and Wark, playing a record 24th East Anglian derby, blasted in the spot-kick.



England's women consolidate position

LIZ SEARL

England Croatia

England's women stormed through their second Group Three European Championship qualifying match yesterday. beating a poor Croatian side 5-0 at The Valley.

Croatia employed a back five to blunt the attacking football it feared from the home side, but a superb curving cross from Hope Powell after 22 minutes fell to Karen Farley at the far post. who headed into the net. Five minutes later, Debbie Bampton's 20-yard shot on goal was fumbled by Anica Ganz, the Croatian goalkeeper, and left Karen Walker with an easy finish.

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Walker then leapt to meet Powell's corner 10 minutes later to make it 3-0. Farley scored her second of the match with another accurate header just before the break, pushing past Croatia's bunching defence into goal. After five minutes of injury time, Kelly Smith was brought down in the box, and her penalty left England a comner penatty lett England a com-fortable second in Group Three. ENGLAND (3-5-2): Cope Mitheal); Harwood (Wembley), Davis (Covion), Surite (Everton); Easton (Uverpool), Caultard (Doncaster), Walker (Doncaster), Bampton (Croydon), Sneth (Wembley), Substitutes: Borman (Doncas-er) for Farley, 81; Marley (Everton) for Har-wood, 84; Proctor (Croydon) for Powell, 84. egnatta G-3-11; Ganz (Elektra): Gardon wood, 84; Proctor (L'Toydon) for Powel, 84. CROATIA (5-4-1): Ganz (Elekra); Gurdon (Susedgad), Millen Elekra); Piran Alaksimiri, Rogar (Maksimiri, Logarusie (Elekra); Dimpanerire (Lotto), Marthe (Lotto), Piglaca (Tus-wortstadt), Besker (Elekra); Rijic (Elekra), Substitutass Knyenik (Elekra) for Pirsa, 45; Sola (Victona) for Ric, 55; Kovac (Elekra) for Demantovc, 81.

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important doors open, you would be surprised if David Melior, MP. radio presenter and Chelsea fan, were not privy to some of Stamford Bridge's deeper secrets. Of course he is. "Just wait until you see who's going to be the next manager, he chirped to one of his Six-O-Six callers two summers ago, gleefully keeping the secret. A couple of days later: enter Glenn Hoddle.

So what does he know now FOOTBALL RESULTS AND TABLES

go Rovers (13-24); 8 St Patrick's (13-24).
LEASUE OF WALES: Barry Town 4 Bryl O; Cemes Bay O Caemarion 4; Connain's Quay Nomats 3 Inter Cardiff 1: Cornwy 5 Afan Lide O; Cambran 1 Holyaest 0; Elber Vale 3 Caessas 3; Fart 3 Bargor Cty 2; Liannel 1: Ton Pentre 2: Lianseratizad O Partimedog 3: Neutoun 1 Atensbuyth 1. Leading positions: 1 Early (P14, P15 32); 2 Cornwy (14-29); 3 Fint (15-27).

Second Division

that he isn't telling? "You have to say that on certain aspects of Glenn's record, the jury is out," Mellor said on Saturday night's show, more than once. This jury... is it, by any chance, known also as the Chelsea Given that he is a man for whom

> To be fair to Hoddle, fortune was against him at Leeds. His well-organised defensive formation, in which the Romanian, Dan Petrescu, made his debut as a wing-back, frustrated the home side until 10 minutes from the end, only to lose to a goal some referees might have disallowed.

Hoddle was unusually angry, insisting that, immediately before Tony Yeboah knocked in his 12th

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goal of the season, Brian Deane Michael Duberry, recalled in had fouled his goalkeeper extremis from his loan spell at Dmitri Kharin. "It was, we felt, a wrong decision and it has cost

us dearly," he said.

Hoddle on the road to nowhere

"I'm sure the referee gave it from an honest opinion," he added. "But managers and players sometimes have to come in after the game and justify their performances. Perhaps it is time to get referees in here as well, to justify their decisions.

Given that he also had nine senior players unavailable through injury - Ruud Gullit, regrettably, among them - it was easy to sympathise with Hoddle. Moreover, as he said, there was merit in Chelsea's performance.

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RENCH LEAGUE Basin 2 Margues 0; Bordeaux 4 Nice 1; Cannes 0 Le Harre 0; Gueugnon 0 Strasbourg 1; Gungamp 0 Metz 0; Life 0 Pars St German 0; Monaco 0 Lyon 2; Nantes 2 Rennes 2; Montipelier 0 Lens 0.

Bournemouth, defended with an authority not seen in many 20-year-olds. At the other end, Gary Speed pulled off an extraordinary clearance under the crossbar to deny Mark Hughes. But after three seasons

scratching around near the bottom, there is an inescapable feeling that, whatever Hoddle is doing, it is leading nowhere in particular. There is a suspicion, too, that he is tending to delude himself. "I didn't feel they caused us that many prob-lems," he said of Leeds. Where

the paperwork relating to his £4.5m transfer from Parma, must have been impressed. was he looking when Yeboah

Goat: Yeboeh (80) 1-0.
Leeds United (4-4-2): Lular; Kelly, Wetherall, Johson, Dorigo: Couzens (Wallace, 72).
Patmer, McAllister, Speed; Dearle, Yeboeh, Substitutes not used: Worlingon, Beeney

CATHERINE RILEY

Alessandro Del Piero's first-balf header against Fiorentina gave Juventus their first Serie A win in two months yesterday, as the top of the table game between

Juve's win was marred by clashes between rival fans before the match in which one suffered knife wounds; three visiting supporters and one policeman were also injured in crowd trouble after the match.

21 points and equal goal difference after 10 matches.

sive debut.

Lazio lie second on 19 points after struggling to a 2-1 victory over Cremonese at the Olympic

Internazionale's latest signing, Marco Branca, marked his debut by scoring the first goal in his side's 2-1 win against Udinese. Benito Carbone added a second before Giovanni Bia's penalty narrowed the gap. Padova moved off the bottom of the table with their first win of the season, a 3-0 victory over Bari.

Lothar Matthaus returned to the Bayern Munich side after a long injury lay-off on Saturday, helping them to a 2-0 Bundesh ga win over Werder Bremen, only one week after he resumed first-team training. "The time was right," the Bayern president, Franz Beckenbauer, said. "In the first half, I thought he was the

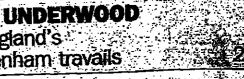
outstanding man on the pitch." Real Madrid did their rivals, Barcelona, a favour when they knocked neighbours Atletico off the top of the Spanish league with a hard-fought 1-0 victory in the Spanish capital's big derby game on Saturday. Barcelona lead Atletico and Español on goal difference, after a 3-0 home win against struggling Albacete.

Juventus' victory is marred by stabbing Overseas football stadium. Goals in each half from Dutchman Aron Winter and Pierluigi Casiraghi seem to put the match beyond Cremonese, but Riccardo Maspero's late penalty left Lazio battling to survive an anxious finale.

Parma and Milan finished in a dour scoreless draw.

Del Piero struck in the 11th minute with a header off Angelo Di Livio's cross, lifting the Turin side to fifth in the table, just four points behind Parma and Milan, who remain locked together on

A disappointing defensive battle saw Parma's Hristo Stoichkov and Milan's Roberto Baggio both substituted in the second half, although the man of the match was Parma's 17year-old goalkeeper, Gianluigi Buffon, who made an impres-



Elements pour cold water on England's plans

'The dawning of a new age it certainly was not. South Africa end the year on a deserved high and we begin this new one floundering somewhat'

MARTIN JOHNSON reports from Pretoria

The opening Test match of England's first Test series in South Africa for 30 years has turned out to be more of an appetite wetter than a whetter, and the not-inconsiderable band of cricket, several thousand tons of petite wetter than a whetter, and English supporters who came here to celebrate the occasion have found themselves soaked,

Seven inches of rain has fallen in the past two and a half competence rather than the

days (about four of those inches in the first half an hour of Frither) have been seriously inday afternoon's electrical storm) which amounts to over quarter of the region's annual quota. There are no official figures, but for a society in which the weekend barbeque is close to a religion you can also unused steak and sausage.

It is not unusual for England to lose two entire days of cricket in a Test match, although this is generally due to their own in-

convenienced by the kind of nasty - more readily associated with the zonal rounds of the Benson and Hedges Cup than a southern African summer.

Not only have England seen a good position snatched away from them (they must now ef-fectively start the series again at Johannesburg's Wanderers ground next week) but it will probably force them to re-think their plans for the four-day match against Orange Free

State starting in Bloemfontein

Ordinarily, at least two of the bowlers would have been rested between Test matches, but as none of them has yet sent down a delivery here, there is not much scope for giving any of them four days off in Bloem-

Graeme Hick will almost certainly be rested to give John Crawley a chance to put further pressure on Mark Ramprakash, but it may be that England will have to rest another batsman (Robin Smith, who has so far played in every match on tour, is the likeliest candidate) in or-der to give an outing to one of the bowlers not selected here.

Hick has been the major bonus from this Test match, despite the fact that he will never quite aspire to the heights of greatness while he is content merely to wait for a poor delivery. The fact that precisely 100 of his 141 runs came from boundaries means that he faced

253 deliveries for the extra 41. None the less, Hick has developed something of an ap-petite for South African

bowling, having averaged over 60 against them in the last se-ries in England, to go with his 83 off 90 balls in the World Cup semi-final. Hick has now scored 1,056 Test match runs at 56 per visit since the start of last sum-

For much of his early Test career, Hick's average was stuck in the teens, which is where Ramprakash is currently ma-roomed after 18 Rests. With, presumably, no second innings in this game, Crawley may well dis-place him with one decent score

Africans have come in for some cam, a foot specialist and fairly heavy criticism, firstly for coach) can firstly not correct. putting England in to bat, and read a pitch, and secondly season secondly for not playing a spin out an unfit man to bowl on liner. There has also been the ... The South Africans begin suggestion that Brett Schultz. who bowled like a far bigger drain than the ones dispersing

match not fully fit. Schultz suffered a recurrence of a buttock strain during the game, and people are beginning to ask why a team with a small army of of backroom staff (they have a doctor, a physiotherapist,

this series with a high degree of

confidence—one of the TV trail ers involves a flock of vulture ripping the gear from an Eng-lishman's kithag with the caption all the rainwater, came into the "easy meat" - but once they have finished preening themselves over the result from Twicken ham, they might start taking England a bit more seriously.

Old Firm passion given free rein

Football

DAVID MCKINNEY

Rangers retained their fourpoint lead at the top of the Scottish Premier Division yesterday after an epic game at Ibrox. Six a simple task in making the goals, another disallowed and a score 2-2. Goram then produced goalmouth skirmish left supporters and players drained.

The goals reflecting the action starting with Andreas Thom's opener for Celtic, which was in the former category. Collecting a pass from Simon Donnelly, the German striker strode forward a couple of yards before unleashing a powerful shot past Andy Goram from 25 yards. It was the kind of goal which had tempted Tommy Burns, the Celtic manager, to sign the player, although until now he has keeper. The afternoon's drama rarely demonstrated that ability.

an Old Firm derby, and after 23 to glance a McKinlay cross past minutes Rangers were denied an Goram via his left-hand post. equaliser after David Robertson had squeezed the ball in at the near post, only to discover a linesman's flag raised. Thom headed wide from a good position before Brian Laudrup, on his return from injury, ensured the teams would go in at half-time on lev- Alex Miller, the Hibernian el terms. The Dane drove an angled shot into the corner of the net after the ball had broken free

to the edge of the area. If the first half had produced a couple of memorable moments, the second was a rollercoaster ride, with incident and chances galore, the first of which saw Paul Gascoigne fire a freekick narrowly over the crossbar. Shortly afterwards, Celtic again took the lead, this time from the

penalty spot after Richard Gough had been penalised for a foul on John Hughes. John Collins saw Goram choose the right direction, but his dive was insufficient to enable him to keep the ball out of the net.

A curied free-kick from Gascoigne after 63 minutes found the head of Ally McCoist, who had a save verging on the miraculous to deny Celtic's Dutch striker, Pierre Van Hooijdonk. Seconds were both brilliant and mundane, later, Goram and Hughes appeared to trade punches on the goal-line, for which both received a yellow card.

Rangers took the lead with 20 minutes remaining through an own-goal from Tosh McKinlay. A cross from Oleg Salenko was intended for the waiting Mc-Coist before McKinlay's interception, which sent the ball spinning beyond his own goalwas completed two minutes Controversy is never far from later, when Van Hoofidonk rose Rangers (3-5-2): Goram; Gough, MoLaren, coigne, McCell, Robertson; Salenko (Miller 76), Laudrup.

Cettle (4-4-2): Marshalt, McNamara, Boyd, Hughes, McRinlay: Thom, Grant, McSiay, Collins; Donnely, (McLaughlin, 76), Van Hoo-jdonk (Walker, S4).

manager, labelled Michael O'Neill "foolish" after seeing the Northern Ireland midfielder dismissed for two injury-time bookings in the 2-1 defeat by Hearts at Tynecastle yesterday. John Robertson's 55th-minute penalty settled the issue three minutes after Chris Jackson had cancelled out John Millar's 32nd-minute opener for Hearts. Rangers photograph, page 31 Glenn Moore, page 30



Special air service: Colin McRae and Derek Ringer rise to the challenge of the RAC Rally in their Subaru at Chatsworth House yesterday

Network Q BAC Bally

McRae opts for the safe route

DERICK ALLSOP

reports from Chester

So far so good for Colin McRae. The 27-year-old Scot steered a steady course to third place at the end of the first day of the Network Q RAC Rally, sufficient to keep him ahead of Carlos Sainz, his only rival for the world championship.

The opening stages are regarded as little more than sparring for the main event, which will unfold in Kielder and similarly unforgiving northern tracts today, but as an exercise in control and concentration it was perfect preparation for

McRae. Mitsubishi's Tommi Makinen, the winner on four of the seven stages, led the cavalcade into Leeds for the overnight stop, 11 seconds ahead of his team-mate, Kenneth Eriksson. McRae was a second further behind and 14 seconds clear of his Subaru partner, Sainz.

McRae, level on points with
Sainz, but at a disadvantage be-

cause of the Spaniard's greater number of rally victories, is conscious that one aberration could put him out of the RAC and quash his title hopes.

His most spectacular, and

characteristic, moment came at the end of the final stage, where his car went into a 360degree spin, forcing alarmed officials to take evasive action. "Everything has gone to plan," McRae said, "although

a wrong tyre choice cost us time at Donington. This is my chance to become Britain's first world champion and I don't intend taking any risks. I just had to be careful where it was slippery." Sainz, seeking a third championship success, was already anticipating more daunting tests. He said: "Perhaps today's stages are Mickey Mouse but you still have to be careful

not to make a mistake. But of course the hardest part is now McRae had been rather less circumspect on the recce, incurring fines totalling £1,075 for offence of using a radar warning device. Presumably it was faulty. Considering the first prize at this event is a modest £3.000, McRae will not be aspiring to instant riches. The dividends from a title victory, however, would more than

The portents yesterday morning were encouraging. Sainz edged ahead of McRae by a second on the first stage but damaged a radiator in the water splash at Chatsworth.

It was enough, however, to relegate him to beneath his stablemate in the standings and he was to stay there for the rest of the day. McRae, focused on championship matters, was none too perturbed that the Mitsubishi pair moved ahead. He also stressed: "The contest

really starts from here." Eriksson, of Sweden, who joins Subaru in place of Sainz next season, was fastest at Clumber, and the Finn Makinen took command at the two Donington stages. He maintained his assured progress at Rother Val-ley and Leeds, reinforcing widespread predictions of success for Mitsubishi here.

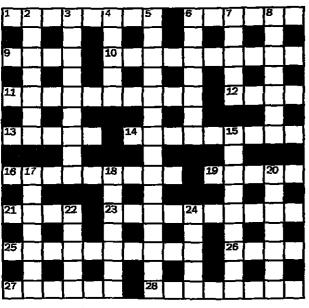
Subaru, having brought their drivers to Britain on level terms by issuing team orders at the Catalunya Rally, have effectively compromised their endeavours to beat Mitsubishi in the man-

ufacturers' championship. Toyota's disqualification has deprived the RAC of a wider dimension and Ford's challenge has already been weakened by the retirement of the Frenchman, François Delecour. A transmission failure on the third stage inflicted the event's first major casualty.

Malcolm Wilson, the Cumbrian who says he will quit deving if he wins at the 19th attempt, was sixth last night. Richard Burns, in the third Subaru, completed the day in ninth place and was thankful merely to be involved. He damaged his steering when he hit & log hidden by a straw bale in Tat-

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Carling to face Samoans

Rugby Union STEVE BALE

Will Carling will complete his mandatory 21-day stand-down for concussion in good time to lead England against Western Samoa on 16 December,

though his injury appeared much more serious when he was carried off towards the end of the Twickenham defeat by By yesterday Carling had only a headache and stiff neck

to worry about, having initially been knocked out cold under a pile of bodies and then been immobilised while unconscious by paramedics attending him during an anxious seven-minute break in play.

As the relevant International Board resolution stipulates a minimum three-week ab-

sence from the time of the injury, Carling would not be permitted to make his comeb on the Saturday before the Samoan Test, but he said yes-terday he had in any case not intended to play during the period between Tests.

The prognosis varies between England's two back-row casu-alties, Tim Rodber and Ben Clarke. Rodber's performance against the Springboks was impaired from an early stage by a severely bruised shoulder compounded by internal bleeding and it is too early to say whether he will be fit within a month.

There is no doubt about Clarke, however. Though England's new pack leader did not

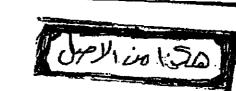
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have to be replaced like Rodber and Carling, he was taken to hospital with a suspected fractured cheekbone after being punched by Joel Stransky, only for an X-ray to reveal the dam-

age to be severe bruising. Yesterday Stransky, fortunate not to be dismissed after a touch-judge had drawn the referee's attention to his actions, apologised to Clarke, explaining but not excusing himself by pointing out that the Englishman had tackled him late. "I feel hell of a bad about it," the South African stand-off said. "I don't know what came over me. I've never done anything like that before. It's simply not like me.

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